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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND DIVISION**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY MALE  
PRISONERS And Former Prisoners,  
DANIEL GONZALEZ, et al. on behalf of  
themselves and others similarly situated, as a  
Class, and Subclass;**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY FEMALE  
PRISONERS** And Former Prisoners,  
JACLYN MOHRBACHER, ERIN ELLIS,  
DOMINIQUE JACKSON, CHRISTINA  
ZEPEDA, ALEXIS WAH, AND KELSEY  
ERWIN, et al on behalf of themselves and others  
similarly situated,

No. 3:19-cv-07423 JSC

**FOURTH AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, DECLARATORY  
RELIEF AND DAMAGES FOR  
VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND  
OTHER WRONGS**

**Plaintiffs,**

## **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

VS.

**ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE, ALAMEDA COUNTY, Deputy  
Joe, Deputy Ignont (sp) Jane ROEs, Nos.**

1           **WELL-PATH MANAGEMENT, INC., a**  
2           Delaware Corporation, (formerly known as  
3           California Forensic Medical Group) a  
4           corporation; its Employees and Sub-  
Contractors, and Rick & Ruth ROEs  
Nos.26-50;

5           **ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL**  
6           **SERVICES, LLC**, a Delaware Limited  
7           Liability Company; its Employees and Sub-  
Contractors, and Rick & Ruth ROES Nos.  
8           51-75.

9           Defendants.

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## 10           INTRODUCTION

11           The present case was filed on November 12, 2019, after male prisoners incarcerated at Alameda  
12           County's Santa Rita jail, went on a strike, and refused to work. Their complaints centered around  
13           conditions of confinement and treatment by jail guards.

14           Mohrbacher et al v. Alameda County Sheriff's Office, et al. , Case No. 3:18-0500 JD, was filed  
15           on January 4, 2018, in which the plaintiffs were all women prisoners at Santa Rita Jail on behalf of  
16           themselves individually and the class of women prisoners at Santa Rita Jail. The issues raised  
17           pertained to women specific issues as well as conditions that affected all prisoners at Santa Rita Jail.

18           On February 5, 2021, the Court in Mohrbacher ordered that all issues in Mohrbacher, which  
19           affected both men and women were consolidated with the present case, *Gonzalez*, and that the Court  
in *Mohrbacher* would retain those issues which were unique to women.

## 20           PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

21           1.       The Alameda County Santa Rita Jail is the largest county jail in the San Francisco Bay Area.  
22           Eighty-five percent or more of prisoners at Santa Rita Jail are pretrial detainees. Defendants operate  
23           the jail on a for profit basis, which seeks to extract as much money from the prisoners themselves.  
24           Despite it's almost half a billion dollar publicly funded budget, no tax payer funds are used to fund  
25           inmate programs or activities. Instead, the defendant Alameda County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff")  
26           charges inmate high fees for phone calls, use of the jail tablets, and commissary to fund all inmate  
27           programs and activities. In addition, the jail derives profits from inmate labor in food services.  
28           Because the jail has contracted with outside for-profit corporations, defendant Sheriff's contracts and  
policies and procedures have built in incentives to reduce costs of all services to inmates which

1 results in limited, reduced and therefore inadequate and insufficient basic services in the areas of  
 2 food, health care, sanitation (which includes laundry, personal sanitation and grooming) and inmate  
 3 activities.

4 2. In addition to the first basic policy which is a fiscal tightfisted, penny pinching control of  
 5 prisoner services, resulting in limited and reduced prisoner services provided by the jail and the  
 6 flourishing and emphasis by the jail of fee based prisoner services; the second basic policy as  
 7 publicly articulated by Defendant GREGORY AHERN (“Ahern”), is that Santa Rita Jail’s prisoners,  
 8 including all pretrial prisoners, who are 85% of the prisoner population, are criminals, who have lied  
 9 their entire lives, are not to be believed and despite the constitutional presumption of innocence, all  
 10 prisoners, including pretrial detainees, are deserving of punishment and deprivations and should  
 11 receive punishment and deprivations during their incarceration in Santa Rita Jail. As a consequence  
 12 of these two policies, Santa Rita Jail regularly takes actions to the detriment of Plaintiffs and the  
 13 Class Plaintiffs represent, and to the benefit of defendant SHERIFF’s financial gain.

14 3. This civil rights lawsuit arises out of the unlawful, unconstitutional and inhumane manner in  
 15 which defendant ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE (hereinafter Defendant “SHERIFF”),  
 16 its staff and employees and multiple for-profit contractors, operate Santa Rita Jail which incarcerates  
 17 state and federal prisoners, in such a manner designed to inflict punishment and deprivations,  
 18 promote jail staff conduct which focus on deprivation and punishment and at best, disregard the  
 19 prisoners’ needs and rights and at worst promote and execute routine violations of prisoners’  
 20 constitutional and statutory rights. Defendants operate this county jail as a carceral institution which  
 21 has as its primary purpose, the lock down of prisoners. Prisoners are treated as the inventory in  
 22 defendants’ business of incarceration, and not as sentient human beings.

23 4. Unable to tolerate these unsanitary and inhumane conditions, plaintiffs and other prisoners after  
 24 failing to obtain a response through defendants’ labyrinthine and difficult grievance process, then  
 25 engaged in a multi-prong strike, including a hunger strike, a work strike, and a strike against  
 26 participating in jail activities such as going to court, and then initiated this lawsuit.

27 5. This is a civil rights action in which the Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and a class of  
 28 similarly situated individuals, seek relief for Defendants’ violations of Plaintiffs’ rights and privileges  
 secured by the First, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution, and  
 Section 7, Article 1, of the California Constitution. Regardless of whether a prisoner is pretrial or  
 convicted, Defendant SHERIFF treats all prisoners to the same conditions of confinement, The

everyday conditions of confinement defendant Santa Rita County Jail and Defendant SHERIFF's policies which plaintiffs and class members seek to address and redress for are:

6.1. Jail Food which is regularly served prisoners that is:

- a. inedible due to contamination by rodents, rodent feces, bird droppings; cockroaches and foreign objects such as razors and piece of metal;
- b. inedible due to age, poor storage, spoilage, excessive cooking and baking;
- c. insufficient in calories and nutritional value because the quantity served is less than that required by state regulations and defendants' own menus; and,
- d. insufficient in calories and nutritional value due to substitutions instead of authorized items required and outlined in defendants' own menus.
- e. inedible, spoiled and contaminated jail foods, causing prisoners are regular hunger and as a result, prisoners are forced to spend money to purchase supplemental food, usually snacks and junk food at the jail's expensive, for-profit commissary.

6.2 For Profit Operations – Commissary. The Jail's commissary sales generate a significant profit with forty percent of the profit going to the defendant Sheriff. Defendant Sheriff, in reports to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors have reported income in excess of one million dollars per year from commissary sales. This profit incentivizes defendant SHERIFF to provide inadequate food to prisoners because inadequate jail food creates hunger and prisoners' hunger increases commissary sales, which increases defendant Sheriff's income.

6.3 Insufficient and Inadequate Sanitation for Jail . The Jail's punitive and penny pinching policies results in insufficient and inadequate cleaning supplies and tools to do effective and actual cleaning of prisoners' living areas, in insufficient and clean laundry, and results in restrictions and inability of prisoners to carry out appropriate and necessary personal hygiene.

6.4 No Laundry or Personal Sanitation Available in the OPHU. While the jail claims to have a specialized housing unit, called the Out Patient Housing Unit, ("OPHU") which has medical staff, to provide more medical care for patients with medical conditions, the OPHU is run without regard for the basic sanitation and health needs of medically ill prisoners. There is no scheduled laundry exchange at the OPHU. Prisoners are often left, for months, without the opportunity to have clean laundry. There is no schedule for personal hygiene such as showers. Prisoners are limited use the tiny cell sink for bathing. Prisoners who are not able bodied, are

1 left to lay in their own urine and feces, with staff coming in periodically to simply hose down  
 2 the prisoner and the room.

3       6.5 Medical Care. The contract between defendant Alameda County and Alameda County  
 4 Sheriff's Office and the for-profit medical provider, defendant Well-Path (formerly California  
 5 Forensic Medical Provider "CFMG") provides financial incentives to limit the medical care  
 6 provided to inmates at Santa Rita Jail. As a result, medical care is delayed or denied. What  
 7 medical care provided is insufficient, inadequate, limited or in many cases inappropriate.  
 8 Prisoners suffer for extended periods of time, months, in severe pain; the pain being so high that  
 9 prisoners can't eat or sleep. Even when attorneys for prisoners apply to the courts for court  
 10 orders mandating medical care, defendants ignore such court orders. And even when  
 11 defendants provide pain medication, defendants will regularly and abruptly halt the pain  
 12 medication, requiring prisoners to submit new requests, which require several days for  
 13 defendants to respond during which the prisoners are again in severe pain, unable to eat or  
 14 sleep. Prisoners with medical conditions are not provided needed medical devices or  
 15 accommodations to assist them with daily living needs such as walking, or accommodations  
 16 such as an accessible bed, forcing individuals with mobility limitations to have to climb into  
 17 upper bunk, causing falls and greater injuries. Prisoners with medical conditions, such as pre-  
 18 diabetes or infections, which can be treated through immediate proper care, are not provided  
 19 these needed treatments, so that the condition progresses and becomes much more severe and  
 20 difficult to treat.

21       6.5 Enforced Idleness. Defendant Sheriff's punitive and penny pinching policies result in  
 22 Plaintiffs and members of Plaintiff Class being locked in their cells for excessive amounts of  
 23 time, provided limited opportunities for exercise, constrained by jail policies which limit and  
 24 hamper prisoners' ability to exercise, denied handicrafts or board games, provided little or no  
 25 useful programming or educational opportunities, provided little or no access to books. As a  
 26 result of this daily and constant enforced idleness, prisoners, to reduce the suffering created by  
 27 enforced idleness, are driven to spending money to purchase movies, music and entertainment  
 28 on the jail's for-profit electronic tablets.

29       6.6 First amendment retaliation. When the men prisoners organized to do a group demand  
 30 and group statement, this exercise of free speech was suppressed and the men suffered  
 31 retaliation.

1     7. This civil rights class action lawsuit seeks to remedy these dangerous and unconstitutional  
 2 conditions at the Alameda County Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, California. Plaintiffs in the Jail bring  
 3 this action on behalf of themselves and those similarly situated.

4     8. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that Defendants' ongoing policies and practices violate their  
 5 constitutional right, and further, such injunctive relief compelling Defendants to: 1) provide adequate,  
 6 uncontaminated, edible food sufficient to sustain health; 2) provide constitutionally adequate  
 7 sanitation in prisoner living areas, the kitchen and food preparation area, and the ability to maintain  
 8 personal hygiene; 3) provide constitutionally adequate medical care including medical devices; and  
 9 4) end enforced idleness with sufficient activities, out of cell opportunity and ability to exercise.

10     9. Plaintiffs seek damages for the individual plaintiffs named herein, subject to proof.

#### **JURISDICTION**

11     10. This action is brought pursuant to the First, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United  
 12 State Constitution, by way of the Civil Rights Acts, 42 U.S.C. §§1981, 1983 et seq. and 1988.

13     11. Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §1331 (claims arising under the United  
 14 States Constitution) and §1343 (claims brought to address deprivations, under color of state authority,  
 15 of rights privileges, and immunities secured by the United States Constitution).

#### **VENUE AND INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

16     12. The claims alleged herein arose in the County of Alameda, State of California. Therefore,  
 17 venue and assignment, under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), lies in the United States District Court for the  
 18 Northern District of California, San Francisco Division or Oakland Division.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

20     13. Plaintiffs respectfully demand a trial by jury of all issues in this matter pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.  
 21 P. 38(b).

#### **PARTIES**

##### Plaintiffs

22     10. Plaintiffs are all former or current prisoners incarcerated at the Santa Rita Jail. Plaintiffs  
 23 represent themselves individually, with regard to damages, and seek to represent a class of males  
 24 imprisoned at the Santa Rita Jail at any time since November 12, 2017, two years prior to the date of  
 25 filing of the Original Complaint in this action, and a sub-class of prisoners who became infected with  
 26 covid-19 while incarcerated in Santa Rita Jail; and the class of females imprisoned at the Santa Rita  
 27 Jail at any time since January 4, 2016, two years prior to the date of filing of the Original Complaint  
 28

1 filed in the Mohrbacher action, for conditions which jointly negatively impact men and women both.  
 2 Eighty-five percent of plaintiffs and class members are pretrial detainees. Plaintiffs DANIEL  
 3 GONZALEZ, ROCCI GARRETT, LAWRENCE GERRANS and MICHAEL LUCAS, MARTIN  
 4 GALLARDO, SERGIO MORALES-SERVIN, SAUL ESPINOSA, DANIEL TORRES and  
 5 ARTEMIO GONZALEZ, are former inmates. CEDRIC HENRY, TROY POWELL, RANDY  
 6 HARRIS, BRIAN CARTER, RANDY HARRIS, KEVIAN BYRD, ERIC WAGNER, MICHAEL  
 7 LOCKHART, RANDY HARRIS, ERICA RIVERA, DAVID MISCH, ANGELO VALDEZ are  
 8 current prisoners in Santa Rita Jail. Of the current, newly added named plaintiffs, SAUL  
 9 ESPINOSA, CEDRIC HENRY, DANIEL TORRES, ARTEMIO GONZALEZ, represent the sub-  
 10 class of prisoners who contracted covid-19, while in the custody at Santa Rita jail. The women  
 11 plaintiffs include: ROSE PEREZ, TIKISHA UPSHAW, ANNETTE KOZLOWSKI , DENISE  
 12 ROHRBACH, ALEXIS WAH, KELSEY ERWIN, CHRISTINA ZEPEDA, who were prisoners at  
 13 the time Mohrbacher was file, and are now not in custody in Santa Rita Jail. JACLYN  
 14 MOHRBACHER, TIKISHA UPSHAW, FRANKIE PORCHER, MARIA MOORE, LEAH  
 15 CONNER, JAZZMIN BARBOZA, LEANNA ZAMORA, ASTRID TAYLOR, GABRIELA  
 16 DEFRCANCO, are current prisoners incarcerated in Santa Rita Jail.

17 Alameda County Defendants

18 11. Defendant ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (hereinafter referred to as SHERIFF")  
 19 is a "public entity" within the definition of Cal. Govt. Code § 811.2.

20 12. Defendant ALAMEDA COUNTY is a county in the State of California.

21 13. Defendants DEPUTY IGNONT (sp), DEPUTY JOE (sp), DEPUTY 'John Roe', and DEPUTY  
 22 "Jane Roe were and are guards and deputies on duty at Santa Rita Jail with direct control over  
 23 plaintiffs and class members. Defendants DEPUTY IGNONT (sp), DEPUTY JOE (sp), DEPUTY  
 24 'John Roe', and DEPUTY "Jane Roe", are sued in their individual capacities.

25 14. Each and every individual Defendant named herein was at all times relevant to this Complaint  
 26 an officer or employee of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, acting under the color of law within  
 27 the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and acting pursuant to the authority of Defendant SHERIFF and  
 28 within the scope of their employment with ASCO.

The Private For Profit Contractor Defendants

15. Defendant WELL-PATH MANAGEMENT, INC (hereinafter referred to as "WELL-PATH")  
 16 is an active, for-profit corporation incorporated in the State of Delaware with its principal place of

1 business in California, located at San Diego, California. Previously, defendant WELL-PATH was  
 2 defendant CALIFORNIA FORENSIC MEDICAL CORPORATION (“CFMG”). Defendant WELL-  
 3 PATH and its predecessor defendant CFMG had entered into written contracts with defendant  
 4 SHERIFF to provide and is currently engaged in providing general medical, dental, prenatal and  
 5 opioid treatment services at Santa Rita Jail. Defendants RICK and RUTH ROEs 1-50 are WELL-  
 6 PATH employees who work at Santa Rita Jail. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants  
 7 WELL-PATH and RICK and RUTH ROEs 1-25 were agents of the Alameda County Sheriff’s  
 8 Office, acting under the color of law within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and acting pursuant to  
 9 the authority of ASCO and within the scope of their agency with ASCO.

10 16. Defendant ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES LLC (“ARAMARK”) is an active,  
 11 foreign, for-profit Limited Liability Company registered in the State of Delaware and licensed to do  
 12 business in the State of California. Defendant ARAMARK entered into a written contract with  
 13 defendant Sheriff to operate the kitchens at Santa Rita Jail to prepare food for Santa Rita prisoners,  
 14 and for prisoners at least six other Bay Area county jails. Defendants RICK and RUTH ROEs 51-  
 15 100 are ARAMARK employees who work at Santa Rita Jail. At all times relevant to this Complaint,  
 16 Defendants ARAMARK and RICK and RUTH ROEs 26-50 were agents of the Defendant SHERIFF,  
 17 acting under the color of law within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and acting pursuant to the  
 18 authority of Defendant SHERIFF and within the scope of their agency with Defendant SHERIFF.

#### 19 CLASS ALLEGATIONS

20 17. Pursuant to Rules 23(a), (b2) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the named  
 21 Plaintiffs seek to represent a Plaintiff class consisting of all male prisoners incarcerated at Santa Rita  
 22 Jail (“SRJ”) from November 12, 2017 through to the present; all women prisoners incarcerated at  
 23 Santa Rita Jail (“SRJ”) from January 4, 2016; the subclass (“A”) of prisoners who are pretrial and  
 24 the subclass (“B”) of prisoners incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail (“SRJ”) who contracted covid-19 while  
 25 under the custody of defendants. All such prisoners were denied access to food that is adequate to  
 26 maintain health in violation of the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution,  
 27 denied conditions of confinement that met the minimal requirements of the Eighth and Fourteenth  
 28 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution; and all suffered from constitutionally inadequate medical care;  
 and lastly were incarcerated under a policy of punishment which sought to enforce idleness with  
 insufficient activities, out of cell opportunity and ability to exercise, enforced idleness and the

1 consequences of defendants and each of their profit primacy policy, and lacked constitutionally  
 2 adequate medical care.

3       18. The members of the class are so numerous as to render joinder impracticable. In the Fourth  
 4 Quarter of 2018, Santa Rita Jail had an average daily population of 2,573 prisoners, of which 85% or  
 5 2,175 were pretrial. Approximately 2,239 or 87% of all prisoners are male.

6       19. On May 5, 2020, due to the covid-19 pandemic, the population of Santa Rita Jail was reduced  
 7 to 1,773. On March 29, 2021, defendant SHERIFF reports that it has 2,226 prisoners. On  
 8 information and belief, Plaintiffs plead that ten percent of the prisoners are women. The sub-class of  
 9 prisoners who contracted covid-19 while in custody at Santa Rita Jail number over 569 prisoners.

10      20. In addition, joinder is impracticable because, upon information and belief, many members of  
 11 the class are not aware of the fact that their constitutional rights were violated and that they have the  
 12 right to seek redress in court. Many members of the class are without the means to retain an attorney  
 13 to represent them in a civil rights lawsuit. There is no appropriate avenue for the protection of the  
 14 class members' constitutional rights other than a class action.

15      21. The class members share a number of questions of law and fact in common, including, but not  
 16 limited to:

17      22. whether defendants SHERIFF and ARAMARK jointly established and implemented written  
 18 policies and unwritten customs and practices specifically designed and intended to deny access to  
 19 clean, unspoiled and sanitary food adequate to maintain health, and reduce necessary expenditures on  
 20 food purchase, food preparation, food storage and the proper food handling and service, in order to  
 21 reduce defendant's SHERIFF's costs to increase the profits of defendants SHERIFF and  
 22 ARAMARK;

23      23. whether the sanitation in prisoner housing, in holding cells, in the OPHU, in the jail kitchen, is  
 24 inadequate and unconstitutional and violations of prisoners eight and 14th amendment rights;

25      24. whether defendants SHERIFF and WELL-PATH established and implemented policies  
 26 specifically designed and intended to place the reduction of costs as the primary objective in the  
 27 provision of medical care for Plaintiffs and class members which resulted in the detriment and injury  
 28 of Plaintiffs and class members;

29      25. whether this denial of medical care violated Plaintiffs and Class members rights under the 8th  
 30 and 14th Amendment;

1       26. whether the members of the class were denied access to food that is adequate to maintain  
 2       health;

3       27. whether defendant SHERIFF, pursuant to written policies established and adopted by  
 4       defendants AHERN and SHERIFF to increase profits, implemented these policies in part by  
 5       providing the low quality and limited quantity of food provided to prisoners, which then forces  
 6       prisoners who can afford it, to purchase food from the commissary. This has the double benefit to  
 7       defendant SHERIFF of maintaining lower costs output for food and simultaneously increasing profits  
 8       from sale of commissary items. On information and belief, plaintiffs assert that defendant Ahern has  
 9       sole approval authority over recent significant price increases where simple, common food stuffs  
 10      such as ramen return profit margins of 400% and the written contract with the commissary  
 11      concessionaire provides that defendant Sheriff 40% of all profits earned. Commissary prices were  
 significantly raised in Fall, 2019 and again in Spring, 2020.

12      28. whether defendant SHERIFF, as part of its objective to maximize profits from the prisoners to  
 13      the jail, in concert with WELL-PATH policies and practices, created practical barriers to medical  
 14      care by requiring prisoners to request each and every medical service, by implementing procedural  
 15      barriers for prisoners making the Jail required requests for medical assistance, including limiting the  
 16      availability of medical request slips, or the ability to submit these slips electronically; and long delays  
 17      in responses to submitted medical request slips; and punishment and retaliation by the jail for  
 18      prisoners requesting medical attention, including emergency medical attention. Inasmuch as  
 19      discovery has not commenced, plaintiffs allege that some of these are written practices and that these  
 some policies are implemented through custom and practice.

20      29. whether defendant SHERIFF established and implemented policies in violation of the First,  
 21      Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments, to intimidate and prevent plaintiffs and class members from  
 22      filing grievances against wrongful and unlawful practices at SRJ;

23      30. whether the members of the class were prevented by fear of retaliation from engaging in the  
 24      right to file grievances against unlawful practices and from communicating medical needs and  
 requesting medical attention at SRJ.

25      31. whether at all times relevant to this Complaint Defendants SHERIFF, WELL-PATH and  
 26      ARAMARK acted under color of State law;

27      32. The Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the class. Like the other members of the class, the  
 28      Plaintiffs were victims of the Defendants' policy, practice, and/or custom of preventing access to:

1 appropriate and necessary health sustaining food; necessary sanitation including sufficient supplies  
 2 provided with sufficient frequency for maintaining sanitation; access to medical care; and to be free  
 3 of enforced idleness due to excessive confinement.

4 33. The legal theories under which the Plaintiffs seek relief are the same or similar to those on  
 5 which all members of the class will rely, and the harms suffered by the Plaintiffs are typical of the  
 6 harms suffered by the class members.

7 34. The Plaintiffs have a strong personal interest in the outcome of this action, have no conflicts of  
 8 interests with members of the class, and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.  
 9 The Plaintiffs have all been subject to conditions of confinement that violate the First, Fourth, Eighth  
 10 and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

10 35. The Plaintiffs are represented by experienced civil rights and class action counsel. Plaintiffs'  
 11 Counsel have the resources, expertise, and experience to prosecute this action. Plaintiffs' Counsel  
 12 know of no conflicts among members of the class or between the attorneys and members of the class.

13 36. The Plaintiff class should be certified pursuant to Rules 23(b)(2) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal  
 14 Rules of Civil Procedure because the Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to class  
 15 members, the interests of the Plaintiffs and potential class members are aligned, and a class action is  
 16 superior to other available methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the case.

#### 16 STATEMENT OF FACTS

17 37. Santa Rita Jail was a newly constructed jail, which was completed in 1989, and designed with  
 18 the concept of locking up prisoners. Santa Rita Jail was not designed to provide prisoners with  
 19 classes or programs, but primarily to keep prisoners, even those who are pretrial, locked in cells, with  
 20 enforced idleness.

21 38. Defendant SHERIFF, despite California State policy that the “dramatic spending in  
 22 corrections” have resulted in worse or unchanged recidivism rates, and mandated that “California  
 23 must reinvest its criminal justice resources to support community-based corrections programs and  
 24 evidence-based practices that will achieve improved public safety returns on this state's substantial  
 25 investment in its criminal justice system,” Penal Code §17.5, and despite Defendant Alameda  
 26 County Sheriff's Office's receipt of a significant portion of Alameda County's funding from the state  
 27 for evidence based practices, through realignment funding, defendant SHERIFF has not changed its  
 28 emphasis on its premier policy of enforced idleness and punishment and deprivation for all prisoners,  
 including pretrial detainees.

1                   **PROFITEERING: JAIL POLICY PLACING PROFIT OVER PEOPLE**

2       39. Since 2013, Defendant AHEARN has overseen an unprecedented increase in the salaries of  
 3       defendant SHERIFF personnel at Santa Rita Jail. Salaries and benefits at SRJ have increased by  
 4       \$12.44 million dollars since 2013. As a result, being a jail guard at SRJ is one of – if not the most –  
 5       remunerative jobs in the entire county that a high school graduate with no college education can get.  
 6       A starting jail guards make approximately \$100,000 per year in salary and benefits. This is not  
 7       counting overtime payments available.

8       40. That \$12.4 million-dollar salary increase, and the \$1.7 million increase in overtime between  
 9       2013 and 2018 amounted to almost 50% of the Sheriff's office SRJ budget increases over that period.  
 10      It is reported that in 2017, Defendant AHEARN received \$632,332 in total compensation, then  
 11      Detentions and Corrections Commander Houghtelling received \$449,144.96 in total compensation  
 12      and Defendant Captain Hesselein received \$394,437.

13      41. Over the same period, while remuneration for Sheriff's office deputies and personnel at SRJ  
 14      increased substantially, the SRJ jail population for whom the Sheriff is responsible, declined by  
 15      almost 30%.

16      42. According to Defendant SHERIFF, the average daily population at SRJ was 3,431 prisoners in  
 17      June 2013 and had fallen to 2,825 by June 2015. On March 1, 2020, the Jail population was 2,597.  
 18      On May 6, 2020, the population had declined to 1,746. Thus, the population at SRJ has declined by  
 19      about 30% at the same time that remuneration for Sheriff's office deputies and personnel at SRJ  
 20      increased by over 18%.

21      43. On March 20, 2020 defendant SHERIFF submitted a budget increase request to the Alameda  
 22      County Board of Supervisors, of an additional \$106 million to hire 456 new staff for the jail, which  
 23      the Board of Supervisors for defendant Alameda County approved at the urging of defendant  
 24      SHERIFF and defendant MADIGAN.

25      44. Defendants Sheriff and AHERN continually imposed reductions in the prisoner food budget at  
 26      SRJ. From fiscal year 2013/2014 to 2017/2018, the food budget was reduced in the amount of \$1.65  
 27      million, which was a 25% reduction.

28      45. The cost reductions instituted by Defendants ARAMARK, Sheriff and AHERN in the food  
 29      budget contract had a devastating impact on the quantity and quality of food provided to prisoners at  
 30      SRJ, creating a situation where the food served is high in white flour, starches and sugar to reach  
 31      minimum caloric requirements, with little in the way of fresh fruits and vegetables. Protein is

1 primarily soy powder. Availability, frequency and variety of fresh fruits and vegetables diminished  
 2 significantly, and portion size also diminished.

3       46. During this period, SHERIFF entered into written contracts with private, for-profit companies  
 4 to provide basic and necessary services to SRJ prisoners, including with Defendant Aramark for  
 5 prisoner food services, and Defendant Well-Path for medical care.

6       **FOR PROFIT COMMISSARY**

7       47. Defendant SHERIFF maintains additional for-profit operations at the jail for which prisoners  
 8 must pay to make phone calls, have video visits with family members, purchase food and personal  
 9 items through the commissary system, and music and movie entertainment on the jail tablets.

10      48. The Santa Rita Jail Commissary sells pre-packaged foods such as chips, cookies and ramen,  
 11 with a high profit margin. From the Commissary, the Jail receives a 40% of the net sales with a  
 12 guarantee of \$500,000 per year through defendant Sheriff's written contract with Keefe Commissary  
 13 Network. Inmate can only purchase products through the jail commissary and vending machines.  
 14 Some commissary items have over a 400% mark-up. Maruchan Ramen sells for \$0.24, retail, on  
 15 Amazon; Defendant Sheriff charges the prisoners, \$1.13 for the same ramen. Assuming defendant  
 16 Sheriff and its Vendor Keefe purchase wholesale, the profit margin to defendant Sheriff and the  
 17 commissary vendor is even higher. Per Sheriff Ahern's July 11, 2018 report to the Alameda County  
 18 Board of Supervisors, defendant Sheriff earned \$1,742,062 in 2017 from commissary sales.

19      49. Commissary prices were raised in early Fall, 2019 and again during the covid-19 pandemic, in  
 20 late Spring, 2020. Per the written contract with Keefe, the commissary provider, Defendant Sheriff  
 21 controls price increases.

22      50. It is the policy and practice of Defendants Sheriff and County to maximize profits. One means  
 23 of maximizing profits is to create a demand amongst prisoners for commissary food. The profit  
 24 motive for the commissary creates an incentive for making the jail food insufficient, unpalatable with  
 25 poor quality and small portions, and creates a disincentive to make any changes or improvements.  
 26 When jail food is inedible for a variety of the reasons stated herein, prisoners are rendered hungry,  
 27 which increases the demand for high priced jail commissary food items that returns a significant  
 28 profit for Defendants Sheriff and County.

29       **DEFENDANT SHERIFF'S AND ARAMARK FAIL TO PROVIDE DECENT, SANITARY  
 30 AND SUFFICIENT FOOD TO PRISONERS TO SUSTAIN HEALTH.**

1       51. Edible, sanitary food, which supports health is a basic right under the Eighth Amendment of the  
 2 United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 17 of the California Constitution. And for the 85%  
 3 of the prisoners in Santa Rita Jail, they are not to be punished under the Fourteenth Amendment of  
 4 the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 7(a) of the California Constitution.

5       52. Defendant Sheriff's operation of the Santa Rita Jail kitchen and defendant ARAMARK's  
 6 operation of the food preparation at Santa Rita Jail demonstrates deliberate indifference, in that these  
 7 defendants' practices result in prisoners often receiving spoilt, contaminated, inedible and insufficient  
 8 food in violation of the constitutional rights of all prisoners incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail.

9       53. There is no penological justification for defendants SHERIFF and ARAMARK's ongoing  
 10 policies and practices of serving contaminated, spoilt, or insufficient food to prisoners. Instead,  
 11 defendants Sheriff and Aramark are motivated by a profit motive, to reduce as much possible the  
 12 costs, including basic food costs, out of the Santa Rita Jail food services, and to create as much  
 demand as possible for prisoners' commissary food purchases.

#### SANTA RITA JAIL'S KITCHEN AND FOOD OPERATIONS

13       54. Defendant SHERIFF contracts with defendant ARAMARK to prepare food for prisoners at  
 14 Santa Rita Jail and prisoners at other adult jail facilities in Colusa, Solano, San Benito, San Joaquin,  
 15 Amador and Lake counties, and a juvenile facility in San Joaquin County. The food prepared for the  
 16 other carceral facilities provides profits for both Defendants Sheriff and ARAMARK. Food services  
 17 at Santa Rita Jail prepares 16,000 meals a day with the free labor of prisoner workers who are not  
 18 paid and receive food treats as incentives for working. Defendant Aramark does little to no training.  
 19 Most of the inmates learn on the job, or from other inmates. Inmates are not given instruction on  
 20 what standards or metrics should be used in their tasks, nor assistance in meeting any such standards  
 21 or metrics.

#### DEFENDANTS' OPERATION PERMIT VERMIN, RODENTS AND ANIMALS EASY ACCESS INTO THE JAIL KITCHEN, SUBJECTING PRISONERS TO INFESTED AND UNSANITARY AND CONTAMINATED FOOD

22       55. Defendants are deliberately indifferent to the substantial and obvious risk of harm caused by  
 23 Defendants' policies and practices permitting vermin, mice, rats and birds to enter the Santa Rita  
 24 Kitchen—with great ease—AND at will-- attracted by the warmth in winter, ample water, food and  
 25 shelter. There is no dispute that having vermin, mice, rats and birds in a kitchen and during food  
 26 preparation is an unacceptable and unsanitary situation. Title 15 of Calif. Code Regs has a number of  
 27 regulations which set the standards for all jails in California, including Santa Rita Jail and defendant  
 28

1 Sheriff. These provisions include §1245 which requires that Santa Rita Jail meet the standards set in  
 2 California's Health and Safety Code §§113700 et seq., which is the Retail Food Code.

3       56. The California Retail Food Code § 113980 requires that "All food shall be manufactured,  
 4 produced, prepared . . . stored . . . and served so as to be pure and free from . . . spoilage; . . . shall be  
 5 protected from dirt, vermin, . . . droplet contamination, overhead leakage, or other environmental  
 6 sources of contamination; shall otherwise be fully fit for human consumption."

7       57. Santa Rita Jail Kitchen. The jail has a large central, industrial kitchen. All inmates at Santa  
 8 Rita Jail are fed from this kitchen. A cart system delivers the food from the kitchen to the housing  
 9 units. The carts travel in and out of the kitchen, so that there are large openings in the kitchen's  
 10 exterior. These exterior openings are partitioned off with strips of clear plastic sheeting that are not  
 11 fastened along the sides nor the bottom. The plastic sheeting does not reach the ground, and often the  
 12 plastic sheeting is pulled over to the side, to permit the carts easy entry and exit. The surrounding  
 13 area next to Santa Rita Jail, and particularly the kitchen is undeveloped, wild lands of the east bay  
 14 hills, in which animals including birds, mice and rats, live. Because the kitchen is not fully enclosed,  
 15 wild animals, including birds, rats and mice, have easy access into the kitchen, drawn by the warmth,  
 16 water, and ample food.

17       58. Birds, mice, rats and cockroaches live in the Santa Rita Jail kitchen, because the only separation  
 18 between the kitchen and the exterior are hanging, loose sheets of plastic, inmate kitchen workers have  
 19 seen birds walk under the plastic into the kitchen. Food in the kitchen is kept in such a manner that  
 20 provide the birds, rats and mice easy access. Bread is kept in plastic bags in open plastic crates. Rats  
 21 climb over the bread and chew open packages. The cake and bread trays, loaded with baked goods,  
 22 are left out over-night, uncovered, and the birds feast. Bird feces are left on the cakes and breads.  
 23 Birds also roost on lights and fixture, depositing feces on the jail kitchen surfaces.

24       59. Used food trays are collected and delivered to the kitchen, where they are stacked against one  
 25 wall, and left in the open, available and accessible to mice and rats, again providing an easily  
 26 accessible, bounty of food and therefore, continually attracts mice and rats.

27       60. California Health and Safety Code Sections 113700 through 114437, called the California  
 28 Retail Food Code govern commercial food facilities, which includes Santa Rita Jail's kitchen. Santa  
 Rita Jail is required to comply with the California Retail Food Code. Section 114259 requires that  
 food facilities be constructed, equipped, maintained, as to prevent the entrance and harborage of  
 animals, birds and vermin, including rodents and insects. Cal. Health & Safety Code ¶ 11426

1 requires that food facilities be “fully enclosed” with permanent floors, walls and roof. Defendants  
 2 operate a kitchen in violation of the California Health and Safety Code because it is open to the  
 3 exterior and not enclosed; plastic sheets and strips are not a permanent wall, and the current jail  
 4 kitchen construction freely allows rodents, birds and vermin to enter and occupy the kitchen.

5 61. Instead of expending the funds necessary to enclose the kitchen with a permanent wall that is  
 6 capable to keeping out rodents and birds, and therefore be in compliance California code, defendants  
 7 have insisted on maintaining the plastic sheeting and strips.

8 62. Prisoners have also notified sheriff deputies of rodent and vermin droppings and of bird  
 9 excrement in their food. And on occasion, boiled mice are found in the beans. Prisoners have filed  
 10 grievances on these issues. These grievances are denied and these notifications have not caused  
 11 either defendant SHERIFF, COUNTY nor Aramark to change its procedures, or improve their  
 12 sanitation.

13 63. Plaintiff Larry Gerrans, during his incarceration at Santa Rita Jail, was a federal pretrial  
 14 detainee. He was initially incarcerated in August of 2019. When he arrived at SRJ, the other  
 15 prisoners warned him that the food was frequently contaminated with rodents, rodent droppings and  
 16 other forms of adulteration. At his first meal he was instructed that he should never scrape the sides  
 17 or the bottom of his tray because the Jail doesn’t clean the trays well, and often there are uncleared  
 18 food leftovers from previous meals left stuck to the tray’s bottom and sides. He was also warned to  
 19 always observe the color of any liquid on top of the plastic covering over the food tray, and to refuse  
 20 any tray in which the liquid was yellow or brown, indicating rat urine.

21 64. Sometime in late September, early October, 2019, after unwrapping his dinner tray, he opened  
 22 the two slices of bread, and saw rat feces between the bread. He immediately called the housing unit  
 23 deputy, deputy Wong. Deputy Wong turned on his body worn camera and recorded Larry Gerrans’  
 24 request that he document the rat droppings between the bread on his dinner tray. Larry Gerrans was  
 25 concerned because he knew that rats carry the Hanta virus, which is passed through their feces, and  
 26 Hanta virus can be deadly. Larry Gerrans requested that Deputy Wong document and report this so  
 27 that this issue could be fixed. He also completed a Grievance Report No. 19-2431. Plaintiff Gerrans  
 28 later learned that the rat feces were destroyed by Deputy Wong and never submitted along with his  
 grievance.

1       65. Deputy Wong was harassed and ridiculed by fellow deputies for accepting the grievance, and  
 2       the next time there was a problem with food, he refused to accept the grievance but brought a  
 3       replacement food tray.

4       66. Meals served in plaintiff Daniel Gonzalez's housing unit in 2019 contained a dead mouse in a  
 5       sandwich bag, a dead mouse cooked with the beans and a razor in the beans. As a result of these  
 6       incidents, Daniel Gonzalez was fearful and refused to eat beans and hot cereal, and would only eat  
 7       those foods that he could carefully examine, or which arrived sealed.

8       67. In Fall, 2019, Chad Arrington, a class member had pieces of metal in his food, which he  
 9       believed to be broken pieces of razors. He accidentally swallowed a piece of the razor, creating a  
 10      medical emergency. Not only Chad Arrington but 6 other inmates have also found metal or pieces of  
 11      razor in their meal trays and filed grievances.

12      68. On January 22, 2020, class member Eric Rivera filed a grievance stating that he and two other  
 13      inmates in his housing unit found rat droppings in their food tray. In July, 2020, David Mellion, a  
 14      class member, found rodent droppings in the drink cup that came with his meal. Alameda County  
 15      Vector Control confirmed that these droppings are indeed "mouse fecal pellets".

16      69. On June 15, 2020. Robert Manning, a class member along with multiple other class members  
 17      saw a dead mouse on a food tray in their housing unit 31 West.

18      70. On November 14, 2020, Joey Haines, a class member saw some black pellets in his dried cereal  
 19      that appeared to be rodent feces. When he showed his tray to the housing unit deputy, the housing  
 20      unit deputy was casual about the situation, didn't take any action to notify the kitchen, and simply  
 21      just offered Joey Haines a replacement tray. Joey was concerned that rodent feces would infest other  
 22      food as well, and that a replacement tray did not fix the problem. Thereafter, he mailed the feces and  
 23      cereal to his family, to insure that there would be proof of this contamination.

24      71. As a result of these regular and frequent incidents of contamination and unsanitary conditions  
 25      with the jail food, prisoners refuse to eat the beans or cooked cereal, or foods that are not  
 26      prepackaged; limiting themselves to prepackaged foods such as packaged carrots, cartons of milk,  
 27      oranges or fresh fruit. As a result, many of the prisoners regularly experience hunger or are forced to  
 28      purchase commissary items.

26      72. Portion Size Is Inconsistent And Insufficient.

27      72. Even if the food is not spoilt and fit to eat, the food served is frequently insufficient in order to  
 28      sustain health. Defendant Aramark's often serves scanty or small portions and prisoners are left

1 hungry. Contents of food trays are inconsistent and not in compliance with defendant Aramark's  
 2 own menu plans.

3   73. The kitchen prepares the meals by taking refrigerated tubes of pre-cooked food, and scooping  
 4 the food onto food trays that have built in cups. Other food, such as bread, is added. This is done on  
 5 a production line. Although inmate workers are supposed to be supervised, defendant Aramark, as a  
 6 cost savings measure, does not hire enough staff to properly supervise or train inmate workers,  
 7 particularly on the issue of portion size or insuring that all menu items are on every tray. Loading  
 8 food trays is driven by a production number, and the tray's size. If the portion size does not fit the  
 9 tray pocket, then the portion size is reduced. Sometimes, prisoner workers just cram two items into  
 10 one tray pocket, in order to keep the line moving. In addition to irregular or under-sized portions,  
 11 often menu items are missing from the trays. Because of the lack of production controls, items are  
 12 frequently missing, or random substitutions are made.

13   74. Regularly, the portions of foods in the trays are significantly less than what is required; less  
 14 than what is indicated on defendant Aramark's menus, or required by California regulations. For all  
 15 of 2020, and perhaps longer, the fresh carrots in the kosher/halal die, instead being the required 3  
 16 ounces, as stated on the menu, consisted of a prepacked plastic bag of only 1.6 ounces of carrots (as  
 17 stamped on the bag), so these inmates received, daily, 48% less than what was required.

18   75. For the regular meal trays, the menu states should include a half-cup of carrots with the meal,  
 19 but frequently and regularly there are only a spoonful or two of carrots, just enough to form a single  
 20 layer on the bottom of one pocket on the tray, significantly less than one half-cup.

21   76. Inmates suffer hunger daily because the jail food is insufficient because the food trays have  
 22 chronic food shortages.

#### 23                  Insufficient Food

24   77. A number of regulations in Title 15 sets standards for jail food. §1242 specifies that "Menus  
 25 shall be planned to provide a variety of foods, thus preventing repetitive meals."

- 26       a.    §1241(c) specifies that "The daily requirement of fruits and vegetables shall be five  
 27 servings. At least one serving shall be from each of the following three categories:
- 28       b.    §1241(c)(1) specifies that "One serving of a fresh fruit or vegetable per day, or seven (7)  
 29 servings per week."
- 30       c.    §1241(c)(2) specifies that "One serving of a Vitamin C source containing 30 mg. or more  
 31 per day or seven (7) servings per week."

1       d. §1241(c)(3) specifies that "One serving of a Vitamin A source, fruit or vegetable,  
 2       containing 200 micrograms Retinol Equivalents (RE) or more per day, or seven servings per  
 3       week."

4       78. Class member David Misch has submitted in 2020 over 40 grievances on food issues, with the  
 5       focus on food insufficiency due to food shortages. Food insufficiency was daily. David Misch  
 6       documented a multitude of different food shortages, including only providing him half of his protein,  
 7       or two-thirds of his breakfast cereal. By calculation, over the course of 2020, defendant Aramark  
 8       shorted David and all others who had the Kosher Diet with over 32 pounds of baby carrots due to  
 9       serving 1.6 ounces rather than the required 3 ounces. Because David Misch does not have the funds  
 10      to purchase commissary food, he is completely reliant on jail food. The insufficient jail foods due to  
 11      spoilage, contamination, and shortage caused David Misch and others to be chronically hungry. By  
 12      the Winter 2020, David Misch was lethargic, and cold all the time. In the last year, David Misch lost  
 13      45 pounds, attributed solely to insufficient food from food shortages and food spoliations.

Spoilage

14       79. Even assuming that portions are sufficient, the food has to be edible. Spoiled food is not edible;  
 15       food overcooked to the point it cannot be chewed is not edible. To get the food to the inmates,  
 16       defendant Sheriff's policy and procedure is a multi-step chain. Once a meal tray is loaded with food,  
 17       it is sealed and then refrigerated. Later, possibly days later, these food trays for Santa Rita Jail  
 18       prisoners are loaded on top of each other into plastic crates called "buckhorns" and buckhorns are  
 19       loaded onto the carts. The carts deliver the buckhorns to housing units. The carts are not  
 20       refrigerated, nor do the cart doors close tightly. They do not move smoothly. Trays are jostled, and  
 21       during transport, the plastic seal can and does frequently break. The carts also frequently travel  
 22       outdoors, and summer day time temperatures in Dublin can be in the high 90 degrees, Fahrenheit.  
 23       When the cart arrive at the housing unit, the housing unit deputy must move the cart into the housing  
 24       unit and the food trays refrigerated. The hot trays are then heated for two hours before being served.

25       80. Due to the multiple steps from kitchen food to food tray, to refrigerator, to cart, to housing unit,  
 26       to oven, and finally to the prisoner, there are frequent mishaps to the food. The plastic seal to break,  
 27       the food spoils, particularly milk in the summer, or is contaminated by rodents, or becomes  
 28       completely dried out after 2 hours of reheating and rendering the food inedible.

29       81. Astrid Taylor almost never has enough food to eat because by the time she receives her meal  
 30       tray, the food is so overcooked that it is inedible. For example, hard-boiled eggs, after being baked

1 for two hours are so dried out, the egg white is like rubber, and the only thing chewable is the egg  
 2 yolk. Sometimes the texture protein that they use for "meat" is stuck so tightly to the tray, you can't  
 3 even pry it off. It's like the overheating has glued the protein to the tray surface. Astrid also does not  
 4 eat the lunch sandwiches because she witnessed a kitchen worker picking up slices of bologna which  
 5 had fallen onto the floor, back up, and putting them into sandwiches. On the day in question, an  
 6 employee of defendant Aramark was slicing bologna, and bologna was falling all over, on the table,  
 7 and on the floor. Those slices of bologna which were on the floor were just picked up and used for  
 sandwiches.

8 82. Leanna Zamora is a kitchen worker, and because of what she has observed, she never eats the jail  
 9 food. Food is routinely improperly stored. Lots of food in the refrigerators are not properly sealed or  
 10 uncovered. Left over items are not properly sealed but simply stuffed covered with a garbage bag.  
 11 Leanna is generally hungry.

12 83. Jazzmin Barboza says that the seal on her trays are broken three to four times a week, leading to  
 13 severe over cooking. When the seal is broken, most of the food in her tray is not edible. Tanya  
 14 Simms said that she is on the gluten free diet, and the seal on her trays are broken almost every day,  
 15 and very often the food seems spoilt because the texture is slimy. When the food is slimy she is  
 16 afraid to eat it, and ends up going hungry.

17 84. Leah Conner is a kitchen worker and says that there are so many trays that it is not possible for  
 18 her to wash all the trays in her shift, therefore, on a regular basis, there's food crusts left on the trays,  
 19 and the kitchen uses those trays. There are plenty of roaches, and some areas, including the carts  
 20 used to deliver the food, are never cleaned. There's mold in the bottom of the food carts. She has  
 seen mice jump out of the cookie packs.

21 85. Gabriela deFranco is a pod worker. There are so many trays that come unwrapped or not fully  
 22 sealed. She can't throw all of them out because there would not be enough trays, so they do triage  
 23 and only throw out the worst trays. Recently, Gabriela found beans in her oatmeal, so her tray had  
 24 not been adequately washed and she did not eat her meal, and was hungry instead.

25 86. Plaintiff Daniel Gonzalez reports on February 24, 2020 that "Today my breakfast was burnt  
 26 completely into a hard patty. I've never seen oatmeal which last I checked was a liquid, burned so  
 bad it turned into a solid patty."

27 87. David Misch reports that the textured protein on his trays frequently come as a solid rubbery  
 28 disc, akin to a hockey puck. This textured protein is so tough, that kitchen workers state they cannot

1 dislodge this material from the trays without a tool to scrape the tray, that even using their fingernails  
 2 does not work.

3 **Poor Sanitation And Lack Of Cleanliness**

4 87. Food at Santa Rita Jail is served on plastic, reusable trays with pockets for holding different  
 5 types of foods. The Santa Rita Jail has a tray washing system that does not consistently or reliably  
 6 remove old food and clean the food trays. This is a chronic, long standing problem, but defendants  
 7 ARAMARK and SHERIFF have failed and refused to change the manner and means of washing  
 8 these trays.

9 88. In Santa Rita Jail, used food trays are collected, placed back into the buckhorns and sent back to  
 10 the kitchen in the robot carts. Once the carts arrive, buckhorns with dirty trays are stacked along the  
 11 walls and on the floors, overnight. These trays are not rinsed. By the time the next day's kitchen  
 12 shift starts, this food has dried and hardened, particularly into the corners of the tray's indented  
 13 pockets.

14 89. Buckhorns have no lids. Overnight, these trays, with left-over food provide a plentiful food  
 15 source for rodents, cockroaches and other vermin. As a result, the rodent and cockroach populations  
 16 in the SRJ kitchen have thrived.

17 90. The Aramark cleaning procedure is for these trays to be banged against the side of a garbage  
 18 can and then dumped into a large, wash basin, approximately 100 to 150 gallons in size, which is  
 19 filled with soapy water. The banging does not dislodge all of the dried, crusted food. To get rid of  
 20 the dry crusted food, would require that each tray be scraped. But because there are only 2 and  
 21 infrequently 4 inmates working the scullery, there is insufficient workers to scrape each plate.  
 22 Neither defendant Aramark nor defendant County provide tools for scrapping each plate, so this step  
 23 is usually omitted.

24 91. The food encrusted trays are dumped into the large wash basin, which has a circulating pump  
 25 which agitates the soapy water, and these trays swish around. The soapy water is infrequently  
 26 changed, often only once a day. A prisoner worker has a paddle to move these trays. After a few  
 27 minutes the prisoner worker takes a milk crate style plastic crate and scoops up these trays out of the  
 28 wash basin and dumps these trays onto a counter. A second worker then stacks these trays into a  
 conveyor belt. The trays are not rinsed. These trays are then processed through a machine to sanitize  
 the trays. The sanitization process takes less than 5 minutes. After this sanitization, the trays are then

1 provided to other kitchen workers to refill with new food for future meals. Often the trays have left  
 2 over food encrusted, and remaining on the bottom and sides of the tray' compartments.  
 3

4 92. Because the trays are not rinsed and not dried after the soapy water bath, There is no rinsing  
 5 and no drying, trays are sometimes wet when new food is dished into the wet trays, so dry cereal,  
 6 kool-aid packets, bread arrive wet and inedible, and corn tortillas taste of soap.  
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8 93. Inmate workers have requested that the wash basin water be changed more frequently and that  
 9 more soap be used in the wash water. These requests were denied by defendant Aramark because  
 10 "soap is expensive".  
 11

12 94. Inmates know never to scrap the sides or bottom of the tray's pockets because one will run into  
 13 old food stuck on the sides or bottom, that has gone through soap. Therefore, even if inmates are  
 14 driven by hunger to eat the jail food because they cannot afford commissary food, inmates are short  
 15 changed portions and regularly experience hunger even if they do eat the jail food because a  
 16 significant portion of the food served is contaminated by old, soapy food and therefore inedible.  
 17

18 95. Since 2017, at least 135 grievances have been filed by inmates at Santa Rita Jail on food related  
 19 issues. Defendant Alameda County Sheriff's Office overwhelmingly denies these grievances. Not a  
 20 single grievance response indicates that the circumstances which give rise to these problems with  
 21 food has been addressed.  
 22

23 96. SRJ kitchen's lack of proper sanitation, rodent infestation, and dirty trays are long standing  
 24 problems, which were raised in the litigation Mohrbacher et al. v Alameda County Sheriff's Office, et  
 25 al. 3:18-00050 JD, filed January 4, 2018.  
 26

27 97. The issues stated herein regarding the food were raised in the Mohrbacher case. Per Judge  
 28 Donato's order, those issues common to women and men are consolidated herein.  
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30 98. In the 3rd amended complaint of Mohrbacher, filed on 6/26/2018, the women pled in  
 31 paragraphs 73 through 85 as follows:  
 32

33 "Food Shortages and Dangerous Food Conditions at SRJ  
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35 73. The kitchen at SRJ is staffed by inmate workers under the supervision of Defendant  
 36 ARAMARK. By 2016, inmates were no longer even consistently tested for communicable  
 37 diseases before being permitted to work in the kitchen.  
 38

39 74. Santa Rita's kitchen prepares food not just for prisoners in the jail, but also for other jails  
 40 under the jurisdiction of ACSO.  
 41

1       75. According to an inmate kitchen worker at SRJ, the kitchen at SRJ is filthy. At least seven  
 2 birds live in the kitchen and bird droppings fall all over counter surfaces, including food  
 3 preparation surfaces. Rats run across the kitchen floor and there are frequently rat droppings in  
 4 the food. When this is brought to the attention of a paid ARAMARK supervisor, paid  
 5 supervisors brush the rat droppings off the food and instruct inmate kitchen workers to continue  
 6 working.

7       76. Food in the kitchen is kept such that rats access it. Bread is kept in plastic bags in open  
 8 plastic crates. Rats climb over the bread and chew open packages. When bread bags are  
 9 chewed by rats, a few pieces are thrown away but the rest of the bread is served to prisoners.

10      77. Sandwich meat, primarily bologna, often is spoiled, with raised white spots of unknown  
 11 origin and type on it. That spoiled meat is given to prisoners to eat.

12      78. Cooked beans are not properly stored, and not labeled, so that old, leftover beans are  
 13 frequently reheated and served, or combined with newer cooked beans. As a result, the beans  
 14 decompose, and frequently become slimy and start to bubble as part of its bacterial  
 15 decomposition. These decomposing spoilt beans are regularly served to prisoners.

16      79. There is no soap in the kitchen bathroom, and no paper towels. In every commercial  
 17 kitchen, there is a sign saying it is the law that kitchen staff must wash their hands after using  
 18 the bathroom. Clean hands require soap and water. Inmate kitchen workers have no way to  
 19 clean their hands and their hands are not clean after they use the bathroom. The kitchen  
 20 bathroom is also very dirty.

21      80. Commercial kitchens normally have a daily clean-up crew which comes in and cleans all  
 22 ovens, stoves, venthoods, floors, and other surfaces and equipment in the kitchen. Commercial  
 23 clean-up crews normally come in the early morning, before a commercial kitchen opens.  
 24 Inmate kitchen workers have never seen a clean-up crew at the SRJ kitchen. It is clear, simply  
 25 by looking at the SRJ kitchen, that it is never cleaned.

26      81. The walk-in refrigerators in the SRJ kitchen are disorganized and filthy. There is no  
 27 cleaning schedule for the refrigerators, which are seldom if ever cleaned. Water collects on the  
 28 floor, indicating condensation due to frequent temperature variations above acceptable food  
 safety levels.

29      82. Ingredients are not marked or dated when they are received into the kitchen so there is no  
 30 way to track use-by dates of the inventory. As a result, kitchen workers are unable to tell which

1 ingredients should be used first or to follow standard first-in, first-out inventory control to  
 2 prevent spoilage. As an inevitable result, ingredients frequently spoil. Sandwich meats are  
 3 frequently become green or purple. Beans become slimy and bubble. Meals prepared from  
 4 these spoiled ingredients are given to inmates to eat.

5 85. "Podworkers report that there are regularly vermin and vermin feces in the food and food  
 6 trays. Plaintiff JOHNSTON reported that while serving meals, she saw both rodent feces in one  
 7 person's food tray and another tray with limbs and a rodent fetus cooked into the beans and  
 8 served. Plaintiff JOHNSTON brought this to the attention of Deputies Farmanian and Pope,  
 9 who were on duty. One of Deputies Farmanian or Pope took a picture of the tray, treating it  
 10 like it was a joke. The tray was then served to an inmate with instructions to "eat around it."  
 11 Another time, when a prisoner showed one of the deputies evidence that a rodent had eaten part  
 12 of her lunch, one of the deputies, Farmanian or Divine said, "Mice gotta eat too". " As a result,  
 13 Plaintiff JOHNSTON refused to and was unable to eat any beans. Since beans were regularly  
 14 served, she often suffered hunger. "

#### Sanitation Problems (Pre-Covid)

15 99. Defendants Sheriff and Ahern, instituted and enforce rules that require Prisoners to clean their  
 16 cells and common areas. Prisoners complain that it is impossible for the plaintiffs and class  
 17 members to actually clean the bathrooms, or their cells, and must live in squalor and filth. Santa Rita  
 18 Jail's men minimum security housing consists of large cells with 28 to 30 men in each cell. Men are  
 19 housed in bunk beds, and there are 6 cells in each housing unit. In the minimum-security housing  
 20 units, each cell has 2 toilets, one urinal and one shower, which all 30 prisoners share. The jail does  
 21 not provide soap in the bathrooms. Pre-Covid, the jail only permitted access to cleaning supplies at  
 22 most, once a week for 15 minutes. Many times, cleaning supplies are denied for weeks. In addition,  
 23 the cleaning supplies on the minimum side is limited to one broom, one mop, a short handled toilet  
 24 brush and one bottle of cleanser. There is a mop bucket which is filled once with some cleanser and  
 25 water and used for three housing PODS. The broom and mops are the same set, used in all areas of  
 26 the prisoners' cells, the bathrooms, the common areas, the sleeping areas, and the brooms and mops  
 27 are never cleaned, the bacteria and filth from the bathrooms are actually just spread around, making  
 28 everything coated with dangerous bacteria and dirt, rather than actually improving the cleanliness and  
 the sanitation of prisoners' cells. One of plaintiffs' complaints is that the prisoner bathrooms were

1 infested with swarms of small flies or biting gnats who are attracted by the filth. The men have  
 2 regularly requested better and more frequent access to cleaning supplies.

3 100. There is no security justification in providing three PODs with one mop bucket of cleaning  
 4 solution, for 6 showers, countless toilets and cells. The only policy rationale for not permitting more  
 5 than one mop bucket and for not providing a greater number of cleaning tools and cleaning supplies  
 6 is defendants SHERIFF and Ahern's fiscal penny pinching.

7 101. Furthermore, the jail has a policy of housing people who are detoxing from drugs with the  
 8 general population in a housing unit rather than in a medical unit where these people receive care  
 9 from medical staff. People who are detoxing from drugs are very ill, vomiting or with severe loss of  
 10 bowel control. These people end up vomiting or losing bowel control on their beds, on the floors, all  
 11 over the bathrooms. Because getting a lower bunk often requires a medical slip, these prisoners who  
 12 are detoxing are placed in the upper bunk and the vomit and feces gets on the person below. In  
 13 addition, these individuals are disoriented, weak, and when they have to vomit or have loose bowels,  
 14 they have difficulty getting down in a hurry from the top bunk, leading to frequent falls and injuries.  
 15 Sometimes, these severely weakened and impaired individuals are unable to reach the bathroom and  
 16 the resulting human bio-waste is over the floors and in the general cell living area.

17 102. Because everyone is required to live together, the smell, biohazards, and filth negatively affects  
 18 everyone. Because prisoners have no access to cleaning supplies, this frequent situation contributes  
 19 to the squalor, filth and unsanitary conditions prisoners are forced to live in. Almost all of the  
 20 minimum-security cells have someone at least once a week, who is detoxing, so this is a constant,  
 21 chronic condition.

22 103. Due to the policy of arresting indigent and homeless people, defendant SHERIFF regularly  
 23 places these people into the cells with other prisoners, without affording these people an opportunity  
 24 to shower and wash before being placed into housing. Theoretically, there is a shower available at  
 25 booking/intake. However, the holding cells and the booking/intake facilities are routinely filthy,  
 26 rendering the showers unavailable, and unusable, and certainly not suitable for assisting in cleaning  
 27 people to avoid the spread of contagion. This results in the spread of contagious bugs such as lice  
 28 and scabies, staph infections, e-coli, pseudomonas, hepatitis, C-difficile, and even possibility the Aids  
 virus.

29 104. These problems are exacerbated by the jail's policy pre-covid of not providing soap for  
 30 prisoners in the bathrooms. Although there is a "free" toiletry kit given out to all newly booked

1 prisoners and for indigent prisoners, the products are of limited quantity, does not suds well, so that it  
 2 is inadequate for maintaining personal hygiene beyond one or two uses. Therefore, while the soap in  
 3 the “free” kit is supposed to last a whole week, those who are reliant on the indigent kit do not have  
 4 enough supplies to maintain personal cleanliness for an entire week. In addition, although the “free”  
 5 kit for indigent prisoners is supposed to be provided once a week, often is provided less frequently.  
 6 The inability of prisoners to maintain personal hygiene negatively impacts all of the prisoners who  
 share the same cell with indigent prisoners.

7 105. The problems extend beyond the housing unit cells and booking/intake. Whenever people are  
 8 booked, or go to and from the jail to court, they are held in the multi-purpose rooms, and various  
 9 holding cells. A recurring problem is unsanitary conditions in the bathrooms and the holding cells.  
 10 Due to the large number of people who transit through these rooms, these cells quickly become dirty,  
 11 and filled with trash. The multi-purpose room, holding cells and dress out rooms are rarely cleaned.  
 12 The bathrooms available are filthy with feces and biohazards all around.

13 106. Prisoners do not have access to soap outside the housing unit cells because they are not  
 14 permitted to carry this soap on their person. Because the jail does not provide soap in any of the  
 15 bathrooms available to prisoners, when prisoners are required to go to court or other parts of the jail,  
 16 they have no means to wash their hands after using the bathroom. While there is a policy on the  
 17 books for Defendant SHERIFF’s books permitting prisoners to bring a sanitary kit to court, whether a  
 18 prisoner actually gets to bring a “sanitary kit” depends on the arbitrary whim of the deputies in charge  
 19 at the various stations along the way. Most prisoners do not chance bringing their soap with them  
 20 because meeting up with the wrong deputy results in having that soap confiscated and therefore in  
 21 having no soap at all. As a result, prisoners going to court are not afforded the ability to clean their  
 22 hands.

23 107. On the maximum side, the prisoners do not even get a mop bucket. Instead, all they receive for  
 24 cleaning is a broom with no handle, just the bristles, and a squirt bottle of some cleaning solution.  
 25 No rags, no sponges, and no means to wipe is provided. Prisoners on the maximum side have to use  
 26 their own tee shirts, or one prisoner said, that he would watch the pod workers, and if one of them  
 happened to leave a used rag around, he would take that used, dirty rag, to wipe down his cell and  
 27 toilet.

28 108. On the maximum side, each cell can hold at most 2 prisoners. Each cell has a bunk bed, and a  
 toilet and sink. The showers are located in the common areas. During POD time, the doors to the

1 cells are locked. There is no toilet in the POD area, so anyone who has to use the bathroom is forced  
 2 to go in the shower, or if they have a plastic bottle, urinate in a plastic bottle. This creates an  
 3 unsanitary situation for everyone. The jail claims that cell doors can be opened once an hour for  
 4 prisoners to use the bathroom. However, the technicians routinely shut off the television when cell  
 5 doors are open. Those men who require to use the bathroom are then holding up access to news and  
 6 programs for the entire pod, when they have to use the bathroom. Therefore, to avoid conflict, which  
 7 can lead to physical conflict, most men do not ask that the cell doors be opened, and use the showers  
 8 or plastic bottles instead. The jail, despite grievances, have refused to remedy this situation. As a  
 9 result, the POD showers are regularly contaminated with urine and feces, are filthy and coated  
 with biohazardous.

109. Many prisoners have stated that they have caught various skin infections as a result of the dirty  
 11 and unsanitary conditions in their cells. Plaintiff Larry Gerrans, after the first time he volunteered to  
 12 clean the bathroom in his dormitory type cell, developed a severe bacterial infection in his right foot,  
 13 which caused the skin to become inflamed, puss and bleed. The bacteria was a form of flesh eating  
 14 bacterial so that despite anti-biotics and antiseptic betadine, the wounds did not heal. The  
 15 inflammation became so bad that Larry Gerrans had difficulty walking. As Larry Gerrans foot  
 16 infection developed, other prisoners shared with Larry their own infections and scars, and Larry saw  
 17 that these type of staph infections and bacterial infections are common among prisoners at Santa Rita  
 18 Jail.

110. Darryl Geyer fell on the stairs of his Housing Unit, causing a deep gash on his knee. As a result  
 12 of his fall, fecal bacteria entered his knee, causing a yearlong infection that multiple trips to the  
 13 hospital for surgery to open up his knee, to irrigate and clean out the infection, and to have it re-  
 14 sutured. The fecal bacteria most likely was transported from the bathroom to the stairs due to the use  
 15 of the one mop, and one bucket of cleaning solution that is used for the entire housing unit, including  
 16 the bathrooms.

23 Sanitation (During Covid)

24 111. The covid-19 pandemic became a national health crisis in mid-march, 2020. Over the next few  
 25 months, Santa Rita Jail slowly made changes to the sanitation regime. Previously, defendants Sheriff  
 26 prohibited prisoners from possessing bar soap, asserting that bar soap was a weapon. But with covid-  
 27 19, the jail, in order to enable and encourage prisoners to wash their hands, began to distribute bar  
 28 soap, and there have been no reports that bar soap has been a security issue. The brand currently

1 being distributed is Bob Barker bar soap, which many of the inmates have difficulty using because it  
 2 is harsh and drying on the skin. The Center for Disease Control states that with bar soap, “ensure  
 3 that it does not irritate the skin and thereby discourage frequent hand washing.” And although the  
 4 jail is now distributing bar soap, it still does not allow prisoners to purchase bar soap on the  
 5 commissary. It is also unknown whether defendants will permit prisoners continued access to bar  
 6 soap after the covid-19 pandemic ends. Bar soap was not and is not available for purchase in the  
 7 commissary.

8 112. Defendant Sheriff increased the sanitation schedule, so that the tools and supplies previously  
 9 available are now available more often. Cleaning supplies in the general population housing units  
 10 became available more regularly, and in some housing units, for a period of time every day during  
 11 POD time, cleaning supplies were available. However, the sanitation procedures and the sanitation  
 12 tools and supplies did not change. In the minimum section the supplies are still limited to only one  
 13 mop and one mop bucket for three PODs, and so the Cells at the end of the rotation have no  
 14 possibility of being cleaned. In reality, only the first few cells, who can use the mop bucket with  
 15 clean water and cleaning solution have any chance of actually achieving cleanliness. For the  
 16 maximum side, they still are not provided rags or paper towels and entire housing units share one  
 17 bottle of spray cleaner. These insufficient cleaning supplies and cleaning tools does not permit  
 18 genuine cleaning. And the issues with showers being contaminated with human waste and not being  
 19 cleaned, has not changed or otherwise improved.

20 113. During covid, Troy Powell, a plaintiff a on the maximum side, contracted a serious fungal  
 21 infection on his hands, from the dirty shower in his housing unit when the expanded sanitation efforts  
 22 were in place.

#### 23 Lack Of Cell Sanitation And Laundry : Out Patient Housing

24 114. Santa Rita Jail has one unit, called the Out Patient Housing Unit (“OPHU”) which provides a  
 25 somewhat higher level of medical supervision because the OPHU, while not an infirmary, is staffed  
 26 by medically trained personnel, and defendant Well-path has offices in that area.

27 115. The cells in the OPHU have a toilet, a sink and a bed, and nothing else. There is no common  
 28 area for out of cell exercise. Inmates in the OPHU do not have designated schedules or routine for  
 showers. There is no schedule for laundry exchange. There is no schedule for cell cleaning. And on  
 information and belief, plaintiffs allege that OPHU does not have regular cleaning supplies available  
 for inmate use. Therefore, when inmates are housed in the OPHU for any length of time, they are

1 locked up in cells 24 hours day without any regularly available access to showers or clean laundry, or  
 2 means to clean their cells.

3 116. During the one year when Darryl Geyer suffered from the bacterial infection in his knee, he  
 4 spent multiple stints in the OPHU, sometimes for up to three months at a stretch. During these  
 5 periods of time, he did not get laundry exchange, not even once within a three month period, and had  
 6 to hand wash all his underwear in his sink. He would infrequently be provided access to the shower,  
 7 sometimes only once every two or three weeks. He was denied all exercise and denied all out of cell  
 8 time, and never received an opportunity for yard time or to be outside. He rarely had a phone, no  
 books, and spent that entire time in the OPHU in enforced idleness.

9 117. For the inmates at Santa Rita Jail, who contracted covid-19, and were housed in the OPHU,  
 10 experienced the same treatment. They would only be provided access to the shower upon repeated  
 11 requests, and then only at most once a week.

12 118. Class member Joey Lovato reported that while in the OPHU for covid-19, there was no regular  
 13 laundry exchange. If he asked for clean laundry, they would give him one clean t-shirt, or one set of  
 14 boxers, and never clean outer wear.

15 119. Class member Jatinder Sing reported that after he returned from the hospital, to the OPHU, he  
 16 was not provided with a laundry exchange, or other clean laundry and not given access to a shower  
 17 without repeated requests.

18 120. While Darryl Geyer was in the OPHU, there were two prisoners housed there long term who  
 19 had serious mental illness or dementia. These two men were unable to provide for their own toiletry,  
 20 and regularly soiled themselves. One of these inmates was next door to Darryl Geyer, and the smell  
 21 of the urine and feces was over powering. No one went in to assist these men with medical care or  
 22 toileting. Once a month, these men would be removed from the cell, taken to the shower and hosed  
 23 off. A team, dressed in hazmat outfits would come in and power wash the cell, and then these men  
 24 would be returned to these cells for another round. Darryl Geyer was extremely upset and distraught  
 25 at having to live next door to the accumulation of feces and urine, and also extremely upset and  
 26 distraught that no one provided care for these prisoners.

#### Defendant Well-Path's Financial Incentives To Provide Inadequate Medical Care

27 121. Defendant SHERIFF has a written contract with Defendant WELL-PATH to provide all health  
 28 care services of any type needed by any prisoner at SRJ. WELL-PATH's contract specifies a set  
 price based on average daily prisoner population ("ADP").

1       122. A number of sections of Title 15 pertain to medical care in Santa Rita Jail. Among them is  
 2       §1200 which requires “emergency and basic health care”; § 1206 which requires health screening,  
 3       and a “written plan to provide care” for any prisoner at the time of booking who requests or needs  
 4       medical, mental health care; and § 1210(b) which specifies that “[f]or each prisoner treated for health  
 5       conditions for which additional treatment, special accommodations and/or a schedule of follow-up  
 6       care is/are needed during the period of incarceration, responsible health care staff shall develop a  
 7       written treatment plan.”

8       123. The written contract is calculated based upon the daily average prisoner population and  
 9       specifies that WELL-PATH itself is solely responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any  
 10      health care services provided to prisoners inside and outside the jail. WELL-PATH is not entitled to  
 11      and will not receive any reimbursement from SHERIFF for the cost of services provided to prisoners  
 12      by hospitals or by any non-WELL-PATH personnel. And defendant WELL-PATH is also charged  
 13      with reimbursing defendant SHERIFF for the required deputy escort and transportation charges if a  
 14      prisoner requires out of facility care. The cost for all such services is borne solely by WELL-PATH.

15       124. SHERIFF’s contract with WELL-PATH explicitly states that WELL-PATH will pay for any  
 16      and all “inpatient hospitalization costs, emergency room visits, ambulance transportation expenses,  
 17      outpatient surgeries, outpatient physician consultations, outside specialist fees, off-site diagnostic  
 18      procedures.” If a prisoner receives such medical services, WELL-PATH must pay the total cost of  
 19      the medical care provided, “regardless of the level of cost incurred.”

20       125. The contract specifies that WELL-PATH alone will determine “the necessity and  
 21      appropriateness of inpatient hospital care and other outside medical services.”

22       126. Incredibly, the contract also specifies that in the event a third-party payor such as an insurer  
 23      pays for part or all of any medical service provided to a prisoner outside the walls of SRJ, WELL-  
 24      PATH must turn over half of that third-party payment to the Sheriff’s office. In other words, even if  
 25      WELL-PATH is reimbursed for its costs for outside medical care provided to prisoners, the Sheriff’s  
 26      office takes half of the reimbursement even though it paid nothing for the outside medical care.

27       127. By requiring WELL-PATH to pay for any and all medical care provided outside of SRJ to any  
 28      SRJ prisoner, and by limiting WELL-PATH’s ability to recover any amount WELL-PATH pays for  
 29      such care, SHERIFF’s contract with WELL-PATH creates a financial incentive and imperative for  
 30      WELL-PATH to refuse and withhold needed and appropriate outside medical services to all  
 31      prisoners, including pregnant prisoners, when the needed and appropriate medical services consist of

1 “inpatient hospitalization costs . . . outpatient physician consultations, outside specialist[s, or] off-site  
 2 diagnostic procedures,” among other services.

3 128. By specifying that WELL-PATH alone will determine “the necessity and appropriateness of  
 4 inpatient hospital care and other outside medical services,” SHERIFF’s contract with WELL-PATH  
 5 enables WELL-PATH to refuse and withhold needed and appropriate outside medical services to SRJ  
 6 prisoners, including pregnant prisoners, when the needed and appropriate medical services consist of  
 7 “inpatient hospitalization costs . . . outpatient physician consultations, outside specialist[s, or] off-site  
 8 diagnostic procedures,” among other services.

9 129. “[O]utpatient physician consultations, outside specialist[s and] off-site diagnostic procedures”  
 10 within the meaning of the WELL-PATH contract include any outside or off-site OBGYN services,  
 11 including prenatal care, provided to pregnant SRJ prisoners.

12 Defendant Well-Path’s Pattern And Practice Of Providing Inadequate Medical Care

13 130. Not surprisingly, when for-profit companies, like Well-Path, are given financial incentives to  
 14 provide inadequate medical care in jails, inadequate medical care results. A detailed study of more  
 15 than 500 jails in the United States conducted by Reuters concluded that jails with healthcare  
 16 companies overseen by private companies incur higher death rates and provide a lower quality of  
 17 medical care than jails with medical care handled by government agencies. For example, from 2016-  
 18 2018, jails with publicly managed care had an average of 12.8 inmate deaths per 10,000 inmates per  
 19 year. Jails using one of the five leading contractors, of which Wellpath is the largest, had 2.3 to 7.4  
 20 additional inmate deaths per 10,000 inmates. The death rates were 18% to 58% higher, depending  
 21 upon the company. See <https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-jails-privatization/>

22 131. The Sacramento Bee found that, over a 10-year period ending in 2014, people in custody at  
 23 California county jails serviced by a private contractor died of suicide or drug overdose at a rate  
 24 about 50 percent higher than at other county jails when adjusted for population. See  
<https://www.sacbee.com/news/investigations/the-public-eye/article7249637.html>. That contractor  
 25 later became part of Well-Path.

26 132. Well-Path is the nation’s largest for-profit provider of health care to correctional facilities. The  
 27 company services more than 500 facilities in 34 states. An exhaustive investigation of Well-Path and  
 28 its business practices by CNN completed in 2019 revealed that “amid a focus on ‘cost containment’  
 and massive corporate growth, the company has provided substandard care that has led to death and  
 other serious outcomes that could have been avoided.” CNN’s heavily documented investigation

1 looked at complaints and problems at nearly 120 locations managed by Well-Path in 32 states.  
 2 CNN's investigative team noted that “[a]cross the country, the same themes have been found: doctors  
 3 and nurses have failed to diagnose and monitor life-threatening illnesses and chronic diseases. [Well-  
 4 Path] employees have denied urgent emergency room transfers. They have failed to spot or treat  
 5 serious psychiatric disorders and have allowed common infections and conditions to become fatal.”

6 See <https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2019/06/us/jail-health-care-ccs-invs/>

7 **Defendant Well-Path's Unreasonable Delay Or Denial Of Medical Treatment**

8 133. In order to maintain its profit margin, Well-Path has a pattern and practice of providing  
 9 inadequate medical care by denying or unreasonably delaying medical care, reducing or denying  
 10 medication and refusing to provide medical devices.

11 134. WELL-PATH has limited medical services on site. It does not have an infirmary, it only  
 12 operates an outpatient housing unit (“OPHU”) in which there are minimal medical services, but  
 13 closer proximity to the one medical staff on duty.

14 135. As a result of the cost provisions of SHERIFF’s contract with WELL-PATH, medical care  
 15 provided to SRJ prisoners at SRJ is grossly inadequate. Santa Rita Jail has the highest number of  
 16 inmate death in the Bay Area, and has an even higher jail death rate than Los Angeles County, which  
 17 has the largest jail system in the country. See <https://www.ktvu.com/news/a-look-at-the-45-inmates-who-have-died-at-santa-rita-jail-in-the-last-five-years>

18 136. In addition, Santa Rita Jail prisoners are regularly denied necessary and appropriate outside  
 19 medical care by defendant WELL-PATH because the provision of such care comes directly out of  
 20 WELL-PATH’s bottom line profits. In addition, defendant Well-Path has taken steps to limit the  
 21 provision and availability of medication as cost saving steps.

22 **Denial of Asthma Inhalers**

23 137. Tikisha Upshaw was originally permitted to keep an inhaler on her person when she was  
 24 initially incarcerated in 2017. However, in 2019, defendant CFMG changed that policy, and  
 25 required submission of a sick call slip on issues involving inhalers. This in effect denied access to  
 26 inhalers for individuals with asthma because sick call slips are not responded to immediately. This  
 27 action by defendant CFMG was a cost savings measure, reducing the number of asthma inhalers  
 28 required.

138. Between 2019 and Covid, prisoners who have asthma and require an inhaler, were required to  
 share a single inhaler. During pill call, those with asthma were required to line up, and would be

1 provided access in turn, to that single inhaler. Access to the inhaler was only available during pill  
 2 call. Each prisoner had a small cardboard box to place over the mouth piece, but that single inhaler  
 3 was shared between all prisoners. This was unhygienic and violates medical standards, requiring  
 4 patients to share medication, particularly one that is placed in a mucus membrane.

5 139. Post-Covid. On information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that due to public protest, defendants  
 6 has changed their process, providing each prisoner, a dedicated inhaler. However, access to asthma  
 7 inhalers are still limited to pill call only. Asthma attacks are not timed to pill call. If asthma  
 8 sufferers have breathing needs outside of this schedule, it was tough luck. Prisoners have to push  
 9 the emergency button and wait for a technician to respond. After the technician responds, a deputy  
 10 has to be called. After the deputy responds, if the deputy can then summon a nurse. This is a lengthy  
 11 and difficult process, and deters many prisoners from requesting inhalers, instead, many suffer from  
 12 limited ability to breath.

13 140. Brandon Burns has asthma, and requested to have an inhaler for an asthma attack. He pressed  
 14 the emergency button, and spoke with the technician. The technician never responded, and a nurse  
 15 never came.

16 141. Jatinder Singh Class member Jatinder Sing reported that he tested positive for covid-19, and  
 17 suffers from asthma, and as a result of breathing problems had to be transported to the hospital.  
 18 Afterwards, upon his return to the hospital, he was not provided with access to the inhaler, and  
 19 despite the smoke which infiltrates into the cells due to the wildfires in California, he had an asthma  
 20 attack and had to request emergency assistance. Only then was he provided access to an inhaler, and  
 21 only during pill call.

22 142. Kajuan Paschal BKO362 (Grievance on Denied Inhaler): “On 4-1-20 I was seen by a Doctor  
 23 due to my asthma problems. I asked if I could use my pump [inhaler] and was told no. I told my  
 24 reason why which was because I was having a hard time breathing and have been short of breath.  
 25 Which didn’t change the Doctor’s answer. She didn’t even check my vital signs or even listen to my  
 26 lungs/breathing.”

27 143. Tommy Cunningham and Tikisha Upshaw have asthma, but the jail refuses to supply them  
 28 with an inhaler. The jail only says that they will bring an inhaler when they have an asthma attack,  
 29 but there is considerable delay. The anxiety and panic of not being able to breath, and the unknown  
 30 of how long the delay will be, exacerbates the stress of asthma attacks, and not being able to breath,  
 31 making asthma attacks much worse.

1       144. Jade Andersen, filed a grievance that during the wild fires in late summer of 2020, smoke was  
 2       filling the cells and aggravating her asthma. She requested her asthma inhaler and was denied.

3       145. Jamila Longmire filed a grievance stating that she had four (4) asthma pumps when she was  
 4       incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail, that the jail confiscated all of her asthma pumps, and will not provide  
 5       her with access to one, when she needs it for her asthma.

6       Denial of Appropriate Accommodations.

7       Lower Bunks/Lower Floor

8       146. The upper bunk of the bunk beds has no ladder, and the only way to access it is to clamber on  
 9       the top of a slipper metal table hoist one-self up. To get a lower bunk, requires a medical slip, called  
 10      a “chrono”. For people who are detoxing, getting off the upper bunk quickly is important, otherwise  
 11      they end up vomiting or defecating on themselves in bed, or the floor, rather than making it to the  
 12      bathroom. While detoxing, these people are in a severely weakened and disoriented state, and getting  
 13      off that top bunk is difficult. Yet, these people are medically cleared to be in housing units, and  
 14      never given a chrono for a lower bunk.

15       147. For individuals with seizure disorders or other mobility issues, it is not just the lower bunk, but  
 16      being housed in the lower tier, which does not require walking up a long flight of steps to reach the  
 17      cell. A prisoner has to obtain a medical order for a lower tier, or lower bunk, which is difficult to  
 18      obtain.

19       148. Randy Harris is a pretrial detainee. When he was incarcerated in Santa Rita Jail he had a  
 20      seizure disorder. He requested a medical order for housing him on the lower floor and lower bunk  
 21      due to his seizure disorder. But Defendant SHERIFF refused to house him on the lower floor and in  
 22      a lower bunk. On October 3, 2020, while walking on stairs, from the upper floor, Randy Harris had a  
 23      seizure and fell down 11 steps. He was left on the ground for over two hours before the ambulance  
 24      came. Randy Harris now cannot stand, not even in the shower, and is in constant pain. Defendant  
 25      Well-Path failed and refused to do an appropriate diagnosis. Randy Harris’ criminal defense attorney  
 26      was forced to obtain a court order under Penal Code 4011.5, for a medical evaluation. A defendant  
 27      Well-Path doctor stated that Randy needs surgery, but has refused to order the surgery because Santa  
 28      Rita Jail does not have the facility, nor does defendant Wellpath have the means for Randy to do an  
 29      appropriate recovery from spinal surgery. Neither defendant Wellpath nor Sheriff wanted to incur  
 30      the costs of providing Randy Harris with the surgery and the care for recovery. Randy’s attorney has  
 31      continued to press for appropriate medical care including surgery. In the interim, following the

1 actions of Randy' Harris' attorney, defendant Wellpath has cut off Randy's pain medication. His  
 2 daily pain is at a level 9 out of 10. Defendant Sheriff has proposed that Randy Harris waive his  
 3 constitutional right to a trial, plead guilty, and have the state prison system provide him with his  
 4 needed spinal surgery. Plaintiffs allege on information and belief, that the cutting off of all of Randy  
 5 Harris' medication is a way to punish and coerce him to plead guilty so that he would leave Santa  
 6 Rita Jail and then the costs for Randy Harris's surgery and recovery would become the State's  
 7 burden. This resolution would save defendant Wellpath significant costs for the surgery, and save  
 8 defendant Sheriff from having to provide appropriate facilities for Randy Harris' recovery .

9 149. Darryl Geyer fell on steps inside the jail and cut and injured his knee. He asked to be assigned  
 10 a lower bunk, the housing unit deputy refused. Stepping on the slippery metal table and attempting to  
 11 push himself up to the upper bunk, Darryl Geyer fell again, and this time, split his knee completely  
 12 open. There was no penological reason to deny Darryl a lower bunk, in light of his recent fall and  
 13 knee injury, except to mete out punishment, and to make a prisoner's life difficult, in line with  
 14 defendant AHERN's publicly stated policy.

15 Denial of Medical Care, Medication and Medical Devices

16 150. After falling the second time, Darryl Geyer's wound did not heal properly. It became  
 17 infected, and defendant Well-Point merely gave him some Neosporin, a topical ointment to apply.  
 18 Over the next four months, the infection spread and grew, and was visible as a red line following his  
 19 veins, moving toward his groin. At that point, Darryl Geyer requested that his defense attorney file a  
 Penal Code 4011.5 petition, requesting a court order that he be provided outside medical care for this  
 increasingly serious condition.

20 151. It turned out that his knee was infected with fecal bacteria, most likely spread from the  
 21 bathrooms into the housing unit, the stairs, and Darryl Geyer's bunk, by the unsanitized mops and the  
 22 fact that housing units shared one mop bucket for cleaning all areas including the bathrooms. The  
 23 mops are never cleaned, and the soapy water mop bucket is filled once a day, and not changed,  
 remaining the same soapy water for all cleaning on each day.

24 152. Over the next 8 months, defendant Well-Path tried various oral and topical anti-biotics, and  
 25 placed Darryl Geyer in the Out Patient Housing Unit, and even suggested to Darryl Geyer that he  
 26 consent to having his knee removed. Finally, after forcing Darryl Geyer to endure more than 8  
 27 months of daily, severe papain, defendant Well-Path finally transported Darryl to Highland Hospital  
 28 where he had repeated surgeries on his knee. It took multiple surgeries because the infection

1 became so extensive due to defendant Well-Path's delay and refusal to take the necessary, medical  
 2 steps when the problem initially occurred.

3 143. Plaintiff LARRY GERRANS arrived at Santa Rita Jail, with a number of medical conditions,  
 4 including hypertension, for which he was under the care of a physician and prescribed daily  
 5 medication. This information was transmitted multiple times to both defendant SHERIFF, and  
 6 WellPoint. Defendant SHERIFF refused to accept or permit prisoner LARRY GERRANS to bring  
 7 into jail, his own prescription medication. For over 22 days, defendants failed to provide plaintiff  
 8 with any of his needed, daily prescription medication, and Plaintiff GERRANS' blood pressure  
 9 continued to rise during that time until Plaintiff Gerrans was started suffering from dangerous  
 10 symptoms of hypertension. Then defendant WELL-PATH provided plaintiff with some other  
 11 medication, which had not been prescribed, and this medication made Plaintiff Gerrans very ill. He  
 12 developed a migraine, started seeing light tracers. He became nauseous and began vomiting  
 13 violently. For three days afterwards these symptoms persisted, and even after the migraine and  
 14 vomiting ended, to this day, his eyesight has not return to his prior level.

15 154. Defendant WELL-PATH, on a regular, and constant basis clears newly booked individuals with  
 16 addiction issues and withdrawal issues, to be placed into general housing with other prisoner, and  
 17 refuse to provide these newly booked individuals with medical treatment for their withdrawal. When  
 18 these prisoners become violently ill, vomiting, seizing, or uncontrollable diarrhea, defendant deputies  
 19 Doe 1-25, refuse to summon medical assistance, refuse to remove these prisoners, telling the other  
 20 prisoners in the housing unit, "This is your problem. If you don't like it, don't come to jail." Clearly,  
 21 this statement, "If you don't like it, don't come to jail," is to let all prisoners know, including the 85%  
 22 of pretrial detainees that the essence of Santa Rita Jail are deprivations and punishments.

23 155. Kyle Murphy was incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail. At the time of the incident, he was pretrial  
 24 and in minimum security. One day Kyle started having seizures. Men in his cell pushed the  
 25 emergency button. Defendant Technician Kaiser was on duty, and said, "Don't hit the button" and  
 26 then apparently turned the button off. Men in Kyle's cell started yelling "man down", and soon all  
 27 of the six cells started yelling "man down". It took 30-40 minutes for a Sheriff deputy to appear.  
 28 After visually examining Kyle, the Sheriff Deputy left, and it took another 15 -20 minutes before a  
 male medical staffer arrived. The male medical staffer came, assessed the situation and gave Kyle a  
 dose of Narcan. That had no effect, so the male medical staffer then left to get oxygen. This created  
 further time delay. The male medical staffer returned with an oxygen mask and can, and proceeded

1 to try and apply oxygen to Kyle. The male medical staffer was not well trained and did not know  
 2 how to use the oxygen tank and mask. The mask apparently was cutting off all outside oxygen to  
 3 Kyle, but oxygen was not flowing from the tank. Kyle started to turn blue. Men in the cell started  
 4 getting upset, and many of them were screaming “he’s dying”. After some time with Kyle turning  
 5 blue, a female nurse appeared. She took the oxygen tube and plugged it into the tank and then  
 6 oxygen started to flow. They had to carry Kyle out. He was gone to the hospital for a week, and  
 7 upon his return, neurological damage was obvious. His eyes could no longer track in tandem, and  
 one of his eyes wanders.

8 156. BRIAN CARTER was incarcerated into Santa Rita Jail in February 2015. Around 2017, Brian  
 9 started itching all over his body, all the time. He visited defendant Well-Path/CFMG repeatedly, but  
 10 they kept telling Brian it was “in his head.” During these eight visits over many months, defendant  
 11 Well-Path/CFMG, failed and refused to do any diagnostic testing. Only after eight visits to  
 12 defendant Well-Path/CFMG over many months did defendant Well-Path even offer to test Brian’s  
 blood for a diagnosis.

13 157. When they finally did test Brian Carter’s blood, around a year after the symptoms first started,  
 14 they told Brian he had a “thyroid issue.” They didn’t tell him the name of the issue - in fact, they  
 15 really didn’t explain anything to Brian. As far as Brian remembers, they put him on Methimazole  
 16 which he is still on. Defendant Well-Path also gave him eye drops because his eyes were especially  
 17 dry and itchy. But despite the eye drops, Brandon’s eye irritation worsened.

18 158. For two years, he repeatedly made requests to see an eye doctor and get checked out at  
 19 Highland and has filled out many sick call slips and asked doctors many times to be referred to an eye  
 20 doctor. Brian Carter’s has still not been seen by an ophthalmologist or any other specialist.  
 21 Defendant Well-Path has refused to do any further diagnostic examinations, has refused to have Brian  
 22 examined by an ophthalmologist, and the reason is that Defendant Well-Path does not have a staff  
 23 ophthalmologist and providing a opthamological exam would be an additional out of pocket expense.

24 159. The scariest symptom, started happening in December 2020 when Brian Carter’s eyes rolled  
 25 back into his head. His eyes had already started bulging. The incident was terrifying for Brian  
 26 Carter’s – he couldn’t see anything; he says he kind of tried to adjust his eyes to move them back into  
 27 place. It was almost like he had to pop them back in. His eyes became totally bloodshot red. His eyes  
 28 felt like they had pieces of lint or some contaminants in them. The nurse came that same day to take  
 Brian to the doctor and they cleaned out his eyes.

1       160. The doctor told him the eye incident occurred because he is eating too much salt, which is  
 2 interacting badly with his medication. The doctor said that iodine is not compatible with the  
 3 medication. Previously Brian was never told that he had to be so careful about the salt in his diet. And  
 4 Brian has no control over the amount of salt in his diet, as his meal tray comes set. Prisoners are not  
 5 provided with any extra salt. Brian also met with the dietician shortly after he heard this, who told  
 6 him there is no thyroid diet, only a high blood pressure diet. But when Brian filled out a sick call slip  
 7 to get his diet changed to the high blood pressure diet, Defendant Well-Path CFMG denied his  
 request for a medical diet.

8       161. Brian experiences a fast heartbeat, dizziness, hands shaking, exhaustion, itching, eye irritation,  
 9 bulging eyes, eye blurriness, and weight fluctuation, Brian came into SRJ at 200 pounds (he is 5'8")  
 10 and about a year ago, he plummeted to 148 pounds. His weight fluctuates 50 pounds up and down.  
 11 On an average day, his dizziness is at around a 6 or 7 out of ten. Many days, he feels so lacking in  
 12 energy, he can't do anything.

13       162. Brian Carter's condition has not been fully diagnosed. His treatment by defendant  
 14 CFMG/Well-path is not controlling his symptoms. Defendant CFMG/Well-path has told him no  
 15 information about his condition. A CFMG/Well-path doctor tells him to eat less salt, but then  
 16 defendant CFMG/Well-path denies his request for a high blood pressure medical diet that is low in  
 17 salt. This situation has been going on now for 4 years. And defendant Well-Path is providing no  
 18 treatment plan and refuses to take him to Highland for evaluation and a better diagnosis.

19       163. MAURY BUTLER had a torn ACL at the time he was incarcerated in August 2018. Out of  
 20 custody, he managed the torn ACL with a knee brace, appropriate shoes and regular ibuprofen for the  
 21 pain. Once incarcerated in Santa Rita Jail, defendant Wellpath/CFMG prescribed Maury 800 mg  
 22 twice a day of ibuprofen but did not provide him with shoes or a knee brace. To manage his knee,  
 23 Maury Butler also needed, and had a prescription for special shoes. These shoes stabilize Maury's  
 24 feet so he could walk. But Defendant Sheriff continually refused to give Maury Butler these shoes.  
 25 So, Maury Butler's family ended up having to buy these shoes, and handed the shoes to Maury Butler  
 26 in court, in front of the judge, so that the judge himself could order Maury Butler to receive these  
 27 shoes.

28       164. In mid-Feb of 2021, defendant Wellpath/CFMG cut off Maury's ibuprofen and prescribed a  
 small amount of Tylenol, which did not abate the pain. The pain was so severe that Maury could  
 barely walk. He is not able to go up/down stairs. Ultimately, defendant Wellpath added 400 mg of

1 ibuprofen twice a day, about half of his previous prescription. Maury's pain is at about a 7 (out of  
 2 10) every day. And the defendants SHERIFF and Wellpath have not provided any additional medical  
 3 care and have refused to provide any additional medical care. On information and belief, plaintiffs  
 4 plead that the cut in medication was a cost saving measure, and had no medical necessity, especially  
 5 since defendant Wellpath/CFMG did not replace the cut in ibuprofen with something else, and made  
 6 no arrangements for alternate medical care. Defendant Wellpath/CFMG has refused to consider  
 7 surgery, has not provided any physical therapy or any other medical care for Maury Butler's knee.

8 164. Chad Arrington had received a food tray which had been contaminated with pieces of razor  
 9 blades, and so Cha accidentally swallowed a razor. Well-Path refused to give him an x-ray to  
 10 confirm the metal, or take any other action. Well-Path had insisted that an x-ray was not needed  
 11 because anything Arrington had ingested out simply be defecated, and played down any concern that  
 12 the razor could cause any injury or intestinal perforation. Finally Chad Arrington's defense attorney  
 13 filed a Penal Code 4011.5 petition with the court requiring Well-Path to do a medical examination,  
 14 where the x -ray confirmed that Chad Arrington had in fact swallowed pieces of metal.

15 165. Fred Beverly had an untreated, infected open sore on the bottom of his foot. This situation had  
 16 been ongoing for a good part of a year. This was aggravated by the footwear at the jail, which is  
 17 either a plastic flip flop or a plastic croc type shoe. Mr. Beverly requested more protective shoes,  
 18 which Well-Path refused to authorize. In addition, Well-Path failed to properly treat Mr. Beverly's  
 19 open foot sore, only providing an over the counter topical salve and a band aid. Mr. Beverly's public  
 20 defender had to file a Penal Code 4011 petition to obtain a court order to have defendant Well-Path  
 21 provide the appropriate medical care.

22 166. Eric Rivera. On February 1, 2020, class member Eric Rivera had a sewage overflow in his cell,  
 23 causing him to fall and hit his head and lose consciousness. He has suffered headaches ever since,  
 24 has requested a diagnostic examination and appropriate medical treatment, and received none.

25 167. Annette Kozlowski was diagnosed with cervical cancer, and yet for months, Santa Rita Jail  
 26 refused to take her for necessary treatment. Annette was also reminded that "if she was released" to  
 27 make sure she took care of it immediately, hinting that the jail was hoping she would be released  
 28 before the jail provided her with medical care. She was finally required to have her defense attorney  
 obtain a court order, which only made the medical staff angry, telling her "We hate court orders" and  
 telling her that her cervical cancer was not a priority.

1       168. Rosa Perez, had an ongoing issue with neck pain and a serious rash on her face. She repeatedly  
 2       requested medical care, only to not receive any. When Rosa told medical she needed an appointment,  
 3       medical told her to just push the emergency button if the rash on her face got too red. Pushing the  
 4       emergency button only brought irritation from the housing unit guard.

5       169. Tracy Benedict had several infected abscesses on her legs, and after pushing the emergency  
 6       button in her cell, the deputies placed into the isolation cell, as punishment for pushing the  
 7       emergency button. Tracy was pushing the emergency button because she felt she had a blood  
 8       infection. Seven days later, she was finally seen by the doctor, and she was immediately taken to  
 9       Highland Hospital and the abscesses drained and cleaned. The guards and technicians refusal to take  
 10      her medical condition serious was life threatening.

11      170. Maria Moore is a pretrial detainee. When she was not feeling well in 2019 so she filled out a  
 12      sick call slip and went to see the Santa Rita medical clinic. The clinic told her she was pre-diabetic,  
 13      at risk for diabetes and needed to watch what she ate. The Clinic told her, her prescribed treatment  
 14      was to switch to the Gluten Free diet, which is a low carbohydrate diet. After her medical visit,  
 15      Maria Moore kept putting in medical requests to be changed to the Gluten Free diet. Defendant  
 16      Well-Path never authorized a gluten free diet, not until a year later, when Maria Moore was actually  
 17      diagnosed as having diabetes. Only after her actual diabetes diagnosis did Defendant Well-Path  
 18      authorize the gluten free diet. Plaintiffs plead on information and belief, that Defendants Sheriff,  
 19      Well-Path, and Aramark, work together to maintain prisoners on the regular diet, because the medical  
 20      special diets require more handling, and the gluten free diet has a higher level of fresh fruits and  
 21      vegetables than the regular diet, and so the gluten free diet is more expensive to provide. Maria is  
 22      highly frustrated that she was denied the opportunity to prevent the development of diabetes from  
 23      eating her medically prescribed diet sooner rather than the high starch and sugar regular diet.

#### Lack Of Dental Care

24      171. Dental care, due to the financial imperatives, is highly limited at SRJ. There is limited dental  
 25      care for filing of cavities. If the tooth requires a root canal, Well-Path does not provide root canals,  
 26      instead, always opting to pull the tooth, which results in bone loss, difficulty eating, greater  
 27      vulnerability for remaining teeth, and possible infection.

28      172. Christopher Bonds had a tooth problem, which Well-Path chose to remove, but did not provide  
 29      adequate follow-up care, and his mouth became infected. Mr. Bonds' attorney was required to file a

1       Penal Code 4011.5 petition after he developed an infection, to obtain a court order to have Well-path  
 2       provide the necessary medical care to remedy the infection.

3       173. Eric Wayne. Eric Wayne suffered for months of pain with a hole in tooth, "I have submitted  
 4       several of dental request forms and endured the tooth pain for five (5) months before finally receiving  
 5       medical care.

6       174. Daniel Gonzalez: Plaintiff Daniel Gonzalez had a tooth pain and despite repeated medical  
 7       requests, he did not receive any medical attention. He was forced to endure the severe pain for weeks  
 8       and weeks until the pain became unbearable and finally he was forced to tell the guard that he was  
 9       contemplating suicide because the pain was intolerable. Not until then, did he finally receive dental  
 10      care.

11      175. Kevian Byrd. During the summer of 2020, Kevian's mouth started forming a sore which  
 12      became an abcess. When the pain started, Kevian immediately put in a sick call slip. But Kevian  
 13      wasn't seen until two months afterwards. And during those two months, Kevian was submitting sick  
 14      call slips almost every day because the pain started getting so bad and his abscess was getting bigger  
 15      every day. At its largest, the abcess reached the size of a jawbreaker candy. Towards the end of these  
 16      two months of waiting, Kevian was in such severe pain (around 8 or 9 out of 10) that he could barely  
 17      talk, he could not eat and could not sleep.

18      176. When Kevian was finally taken to the dentist, the dentist did a procedure to squeeze the pus out  
 19      of this abscess. The dentist didn't give Kevian any information and only partially number his mouth.  
 20      The procedure was very painful. Once it was done, the dentist put gauze in his mouth and sent  
 21      Kevian back to his housing unit. Kevian's mouth was in extreme pain for a few days, an 8 out of 10;  
 22      and he couldn't talk. Kevian received extra strength Tylenol and had his gauze changed out every  
 23      day at sick call for two weeks.

24      177. Shortly after this first dental appointment, the abcess started forming again in his mouth in the  
 25      same spot, and the pain was getting increasingly bad. He put another sick call slip in immediately, but  
 26      the same exact delay of care happened again. Despite daily medical slips, he was not seen by a  
 27      dentist for another two months. Apparently, the first dentist had not taken the time or effort to  
 28      performed a thorough cleaning of the abcess, which resulted in reinfection and another two months  
 29      of severe pain.

1       178. Michael Lockhart – For eight months and continuing, Michael Lockhart has had severe dental  
 2       pain, including two cracked teeth. Despite multiple medical requests for dental care, he has not seen  
 3       a dentist. The pain is so unbearable, Michael is not able to eat, and not able to sleep. As a result of  
 4       this pain, Michael has been unable to attend court. When the Court learned that Michael was not able  
 5       to attend court due to his pain, the Court issued an order under Penal Code 4011.5, ordering that the  
 6       jail provide Michael with the appropriate care, and report back on what actions the jail was taking.  
 7       As of the date of the filing of this amended complaint, Michael has still not received dental treatment.

8       179. Frankie Porcher. Starting in August 2020, Frankie had a cracked wisdom tooth. A quarter of  
 9       the tooth fell out. Frankie was in tremendous pain every day due to her broken tooth. She was on  
 10      600 mg of Tylenol 3 times a day, which wasn't effective and did not dampen the pain. Around late  
 11      November or early December of 2020, Frankie was approved by Dental at the jail to have her tooth  
 12      removed, but it took until January 6, 2021 for the jail to send her over to Highland Hospital to have  
 13      the procedure done. At Highland, the dentist told her there wasn't enough room in her mouth for the  
 14      tooth, which created the painful symptoms and the cracking. The dentist said this also caused the skin  
 15      in her mouth to start growing over this tooth. Frankie had not had any dental care in the year and a  
 16      half prior to her wisdom tooth cracking.

17       **COVID**

18       180. Timothy Thompson contracted covid-19 while in custody. As a result of Covid-19 he  
 19      developed issues with low oxygen saturation levels, had difficulty breathing and chest pain.  
 20      Concurrently he developed swelling in his legs. Despite repeated requests for medical care, he was  
 21      merely held in an OPHU cell, and provided no medical care except that his vitals were monitored  
 22      twice a day. His attorney had to file a Penal Code 4011 petition to obtain a court order for Well-Path  
 23      to provide necessary medical care.

24       181. Cedric Henry. Plaintiff Cedric Henry contracted Covid-19 while incarcerated at Santa Rita  
 25      Jail. When he first developed symptoms, the only remedy defendant Wellpath provided, was to tell  
 26      him to "drink water". When he was moved into the "medical quarantine" unit, Housing Unit 8, The  
 27      cell they moved him into was filthy. The jail had simply sprayed bleach all over the cell, but did not  
 28      wipe anything down. The dirt was still on every surface. There was feces on the floor. They did not  
 29      give him any towels or paper towels to wipe off the cell. Instead, they just handed him a new bedroll  
 30      and locked him in.

1       182. On April 6, 2020, defendant Well-path administered a nasal swab corona virus test, they did not  
 2 give plaintiff Cedric Henry any information. He was running a fever and shivering. The cell, a  
 3 concrete block was cold. He requested an extra blanket, and the deputy in charge refused to give him  
 4 an extra blanket because jail rules only allows for one. He was having difficulty breathing, but no  
 5 doctor and no nurse explained what was going on. Plaintiff Cedric Henry thought he was going to  
 6 die. While he had difficulty breathing, no one examined his lungs, or administered a chest x-ray.  
 7 The only thing defendant Well-Path did was to monitor his temperature and oxygen level. To have  
 8 his temperature taken, he had to kneel down and stick his forehead through the tray slot of his cell  
 9 door. To have his oxygen level monitored, he had to stick his finger through the tray slot of his cell  
 door.

10      183. On April 15, 2020, based upon their flawed metric, defendant Wellpath announced that Plaintiff  
 11 Cedric Henry could be removed from medical isolation because he had no temperature. Plaintiff  
 12 Cedric Henry believed he was still sick and he still had difficulty breathing. First, the deputy walked  
 13 him to Housing Unit 23, and then parked him outdoors in a concrete yard for several hours.  
 14 Apparently, Housing Unit 23 was not the plan. Then plaintiff Cedric Henry was walked to Housing  
 15 Unit Six and placed in another outdoor concrete yard, where he sat for another two hours. When the  
 16 deputy came back, plaintiff Cedric Henry explained that he still had symptoms of a bad cough and  
 17 breathing problems, that he had tested positive, and that placing him with other inmates was  
 18 potentially jeopardizing other people. In response to plaintiff Cedric Henry trying to prevent others  
 19 from being endangered, defendant Sheriff punished Cedric Henry by placing him into solitary  
 confinement, or what prisoners call “The Hole”.

20      184. Despite repeated requests and communications with Jail staff, Cedric Henry received no  
 21 medical attention, and was not medically monitored until April 26, 2020, through the intervention of  
 22 Cedric Henry’s family member, who reported that Cedric had difficulty breathing and a terrible  
 23 cough. The only medication provided was Mucinex and cough drops.

24      185. After a month of isolation, Cedric Henry was experiencing psychological distress and requested  
 25 mental health support. He does not receive appropriate mental health support or medical assistance.  
 26 On June 6, 2020, Cedric Henry required an emergency response and continued to experience  
 27 breathing distress and strong headaches that feel like “lightning” strikes. The jail’s response is to  
 28 give him Tylenol. This “take an aspirin and call me tomorrow” is a paltry, inadequate response to an  
 ongoing, serious medical condition.

1       186. Even today, more than eight months after first contracting covid-19, Cedric Henry has medical  
 2 issues, including extreme fatigue and lack of energy. He barely ever leaves his cell, and can't find  
 3 the energy to do much. He is depressed and frustrated, and often has difficulty breathing, and suffers  
 4 from headaches, every day, all day. The only medical attention he receives is Tylenol, twice a day.  
 5 And the jail only gives him a prescription for Tylenol for 7 days at a time. He is not permitted to  
 6 submit a medical request for more Tylenol until his 7 days are up, and then when he does submit a  
 7 medical request for more Tylenol, there is a two day delay. So, for two days out of every seven, is  
 8 has to endure debilitating headaches. Despite requests for mental health support, he has received  
 9 none.

10      187. Saul Espinosa, a class member, who suffers from arthritis and has difficulty with mobility and  
 11 kneeling was moved into Housing Unit 8C on April 18, 2020 after testing positive for covid-19.  
 12 While in Housing Unit 8, he received no shower, he had no soap, he had none of his property and  
 13 none of his commissary, he did not receive any clean clothes or even one laundry exchange. The  
 14 only medical care he received required him to kneel down and stick his face through the tray slot of  
 15 his cell door, and then the medical staff could take his temperature. Because he had difficulty  
 16 kneeling, he on multiple times told them he could not do so. Defendant Wellpath did not hydrate  
 17 Saul, although he had a persistent high heart rate. Defendant Wellpath did not treat him for his  
 18 muscle and bone pain, and made no effort to make any accommodations for his mobility issues and  
 19 physical pain. Defendant Wellpath provided and continues to provide inadequate care for plaintiff  
 20 Saul Espinosa's chronic pain.

21      188. Joey Lovato, a class member, reported that he was categorized as high risk for covid due to his  
 22 diabetes. Yet, he was placed in housing units with other people and placed in a bunk right next to an  
 23 air vent. After eight (8) days sleeping under an air vent, he became sick, was moved to HU 8, tested  
 24 for covid-19, and informed that he tested positive for covid-19. When he was moved into HU 8A, the  
 25 cell he was filthy. The was food on the walls, toothpaste over the vent, and the toilet and sink had  
 26 food, grease and garbage. The toilet did not flush properly so the stuff in the toilet would not go  
 27 down. After being placed in the filthy cell, he pushed the button for cleaning supplies and was told  
 28 that he had to wait until POD time to get cleaning supplies. He had to spend the night in that dirty,  
 smelly cell, and wait until the next day, before he was given any cleaning supplies. Joey Lovato was  
 in HU 8 for 7-8 days, and was allowed out of his cell only 3 times for half hour, 40 minutes to shower  
 and get cleaning supplies. The only laundry exchange he received was just a t-shirt, or a boxer, never

1 a complete set of clean clothing. After he was deemed recovered, but he was not retested and he was  
 2 moved to HU 33, where people were not all orange tagged. After arriving in HU 33, the jail started  
 3 filling up the housing unit, moving prisoners in from a number of other housing units and filling up  
 4 cells. Then someone got sick, and the jail tested everyone in HU 33 for covid-19, and a lot of the  
 5 prisoners in HU 33 tested positive for covid-19.

6 189. The Defendants Sheriff and Wellpath state in their Covid-19 Outbreak Plan that they use either  
 7 a “test-based strategy” for determining when Covid positive patients are recovered, or a Symptom-  
 8 based strategy. The Symptom-based strategy includes:

- 9 • “At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without  
 10 the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough,  
 11 shortness of breath); and,
- 12 • At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared “ Santa Rita Jail Covid-19  
 13 Outbreak Plan, 8/18/2020. P. 7

14 190. Most covid positive prisoners in Santa Rita Jail are monitored by the jail per the symptom  
 15 based strategy. Very few are retested. On information and belief, plaintiffs allege that both  
 16 defendants Sheriff and Well-path have not been vigorously testing for covid-19 because testing costs  
 17 money and symptom method is free. As a result of defendants paramount tight fisted, penny-  
 18 pinching policy, said defendants opted for the symptom based strategy. However, as a result of the  
 19 symptom based strategy, these defendants have in fact caused covid-19 to be transmitted through the  
 20 jail during the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2020.

21 191. Daniel Torres, a plaintiff, stated that he arrived in Santa Rita Jail on June 18, 2020. He  
 22 was held in the quarantine pod, HU 25 for 2 weeks and then moved to HU 33. He was told that he  
 23 was a person at risk, and moved to HU 3, supposedly for his own protection. While in HU3 he was  
 24 told he caught COVID-19. When he was moved into HU8, even if he did not have covid-19, he  
 25 would have caught it in HU 8. Daniel was placed in a cell with a cell mate who was very sick. When  
 26 Daniel complained, the housing guards retaliated against him. Badge 2368 told him that Daniel  
 27 would never get pod time while 2368 was on duty. Daniel was held in HU 8 until 7/31, and then  
 28 moved into HU 33W. Daniel believes that he was still sick when he was moved, because although he  
 had no fever, he was still sick and had many of the other symptoms of Covid-19. And although  
 Daniel Torres was not retested, the jail told him that he was recovered. Once in HU 33, Daniel, who

1 is a barber, began cutting everybody's hair. And almost immediately people in 33W started getting  
 2 sick.

3       192. In Mid-July, HU 22 developed a mass outbreak of covid-19 infections. A prisoner, who  
 4 had tested positive for covid-19, named Campos, was moved from HU 8 back to HU 22, without  
 5 testing to be confirmed as covid-19 negative. On the night that he was returned to HU 22, he "face  
 6 planted", signaling a continuing serious medical condition and was removed by the jail. Within a  
 7 week of Campos' brief return to HU 22, men in HU 22 began developing covid-19 symptoms, and  
 8 more than half of the prisoners in HU 22 tested positive for covid 19. On information and belief,  
 9 Plaintiffs allege that the men in HU 22 became infected with covid-19 from Campos, and that  
 10 Campos was able to infect the men of HU 22 because of defendants SHERIFF, and WELLPATH's  
 11 joint policy and practice of declaring covid-19 positive prisoners as "recovered" when they are still  
 12 symptomatic, and not re-testing these men before placing them back into general population.

13 Enforced Idleness

14       193. All prisoners at Santa Rita Jail, no matter their legal status, face long hours of enforced idleness  
 15 with few classes, little programming, 20-24 hours a day locked in their cell, and limited time  
 16 outdoors. Defendant Sheriff does not provide much in the way of activities which inmates can  
 17 engage in. Most housing units no longer have board games. The commissary no longer sells  
 18 handicraft kits. Exercise is limited due to rules where inmates are not permitted to take off their outer  
 19 wear and exercise only in a tee shirt. Since laundry exchange is only once a week, most prisoners do  
 not want to sweat into their only change of clothing they have. But defendant SHERIFF, by enacting  
 these restrictive rules, in effect curtails and limits prisoners' ability to exercise.

20       194. The jail justifies the denial of POD time and the lack of family visits by providing tablets to  
 21 each prisoner. The tablets are Wi-Fi connected and capable of phone calls, and accessing various  
 22 applications, for news, movies and music. A few of the applications are free, but most cost money.  
 23 Calls on the tablet are \$7 for 25 minutes. To hear music costs \$150 a month, with an additional \$10  
 24 charge if the prisoner wants to choose which songs to hear. Pod casts cost \$8.99 per month, \$5.99  
 25 for 14 days, \$3.99 per day. Movies cost \$3.99 for 180 minutes. The problem is that tablets do not  
 26 have reliable Wi-Fi access in cells and are only useful in the common area. And pursuant to the  
 27 current covid-19 lockdowns, most prisoners have greatly reduced common area access, so there is  
 28 just limited hours that the tablets are available.

1 195. Angelo Valdez, a class member reports that although, the tablet charge is \$8.99, a prisoner  
 2 can only use funds from his books in \$5 increments, so to pay for \$8.99 on the tablet, the prisoner  
 3 has to use \$10 of value from his books, and ultimately forfeit some of those funds.

4 196. Angelo Valdez reports that although the tablet is technically available to prisoners only from 7  
 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., the battery on the tablets usually only last for 3-3.5 hours of continuous use. So,  
 6 while a prisoner may have paid for 30 days of music at the cost of \$150 a month, the tablet is really  
 7 only available for 3.5 hours per day since prisoners cannot recharge the battery and the guards do  
 8 not permit prisoners to exchange tablets for fresh batteries.

9 197. Angelo Valdez reports that the jail says that Wi-Fi is in the common area, which is where  
 10 the jail says tablets should be used, but during pod time, if many people try to use the tablet  
 11 simultaneously, all tablets crash with error messages “14004” and the user is kicked off the system.  
 12 Apparently, there is insufficient band-width in the jail Wi-Fi system to support these tablets. So,  
 13 the programming is not accessible, and even when programming is paid for. Furthermore, prisoners  
 14 spend most of their day inside cells, with poor WIFI reception. Class member Eric Wayne filed a  
 15 grievance that prisoners are “kicked off the Wi-Fi network 20 times a day” .

16 198. Furthermore, although prisoners are charged money and pay for “24 hours” of access, the  
 17 clock keeps running even if when the tablets are taken away, or unavailable due to poor Wi-Fi  
 18 connections, or some other technical issues. Regardless, the clock keeps running. So, defendants  
 19 Sheriff, overcharge prisoners and then short change them at each turn in the curve.

20 199. Having tablets provides defendants SHERIFF with the disincentive to provide additional  
 21 programming, out of cell opportunities and exercise options, and outdoor recreation. Locking down  
 22 prisoners into their cells, with enforced idleness provides greater incentive to use the tablets and to  
 23 spend money on the tablets, adding funding to the Sheriff’s coffers.

24 Strike

25 200. On or about October 17, 2019, Santa Rita Jail’s Watch Commander, late in the afternoon,  
 26 defendant Hesselein, entered the common area of Housing Unit 31. Defendant Hesselein was in the  
 27 company of other older, white, men and women, likewise dressed in business attire.

1       201. At that time, the men in HU 31 had been on lockdown all day, and there had been no lunch, so  
 2       the men had not had any food for almost 12 hours. Their jail food regularly contained rodent feces,  
 3       the laundry was not clean, the housing unit lacked cleaning supplies and the men lived in overall  
 4       unsanitary conditions. Sua sponte, the men started to yell, ““Stop feeding us rat shit.” “Jail clothes  
 5       stink” “The food sucks” “There’s shit all over the place.””

6       202. Defendant Hesselein walked over and verbally confronted the prisoners, and yelled, “I’ll shut  
 7       this place down.” “I’ll make you guys’ life hell.” and defendant Hesselein walked out.

8       203. True to Defendant Hesselein’s word, shortly thereafter, in retaliation for men having publicly  
 9       verbalized grievances over the conditions at the jail; a squad of about a dozen sheriff deputies dressed  
 10      in tactical outfits and armed with rifles and weapons stormed the housing unit. One deputy stood on  
 11      a table with a rifle pointing it at the prisoners and someone barked out an order, “Get down on the  
 12      ground” and the prisoners were instructed to lay down, face down on the floor of their cell.

13      204. Someone yelled out, “I’m not getting down on the ground, the ground is filthy”, and as a result,  
 14      no one in the cell laid down. The sheriff deputies threatened to shoot the prisoners, and a tense  
 15      standoff resulted. Finally, the prisoners were instructed to put their hands over their heads, and then  
 16      all prisoners were all walked out of their cells into the multi-purpose room.

17      205. Once the prisoners were removed, the deputies, conducted a “raid” where everything in the cell  
 18      was turned inside out and searched. This raid was a show of force in retaliation for the men’s earlier  
 19      public statements, and intended to intimidate them from future public statements criticizing the jail.  
 20      The deputies took the prisoners’ personal belongings, food and other items and threw them all helter  
 21      skelter into a pile in the center of the room. Once tossed, many of which are opened, commissary  
 22      items become inedible; handled, dumped, thrown on the ground, and mixed with all manner of things.  
 23      This was another component of Defendant Hesselein’s order, to make the prisoner’s “life hell”.

24      22 There was no penological justification for this raid, the incident with Defendant Hesselein was not  
 25      related to the contents inside the dormitory cell. The justification for this show of force and power  
 26      was a group punishment and a statement of intimidation, letting the prisoners know that the power of  
 27      force was with Defendants, and any challenge would be met with a power of force, used if not  
 28      directly against the bodies of the men, then against what little property they owned, to let the  
 prisoners know that at any moment, defendant Sheriff, could stripe them, and that even if their bodies  
 as a group, was not within their reach, defendant Sheriff could remove from them, everything else.

1 There certainly is no penological justification for taking prisoners food and dumping it on the floor in  
 2 the middle of the room, thereby making the food inedible because it had been on the floor.  
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4 206. The next day, October 18, 2019, the men were again placed on lock down, and the meal  
 5 schedule was again chaotic. When the afternoon meal finally arrived, late in the afternoon, the men  
 6 of Housing Unit 31, spontaneously refused to leave their cells, and refused the meal, thereby  
 7 engaging in a hunger strike. The deputies, alarmed, called in officers, first a sergeant and then a  
 8 lieutenant, who offered to discuss with the prisoners, their grievances, and asked the men to select a  
 9 spokesperson. They selected Lawrence Gerrans.

10 207. The men of HU 31 then spent the next two hours writing down their grievances and giving  
 11 them to Plaintiff Lawrence Gerrans. LAWRENCE GERRANS was selected to collect everyone's  
 12 comments and requests and write up what became, both the Strike Demands and the Strike Statement.  
 13 The Strike Demands and Strike Statement was a statement by everyone in the housing unit, not just  
 14 Lawrence Gerrans. And the Strike Demands and Strike Statement was submitted on behalf of all the  
 15 prisoners as a group grievance. The Strike Demands are attached as Exhibit A, and the Strike  
 16 Statement is attached as Exhibit B.

17 208. That evening, around 10 p.m., the deputy Charondo placed into HU31, upper D, a young, white,  
 18 emaciated man, who was in drug withdrawal. Rather than placing this young man who was  
 19 withdrawing in the OPHU to receive medical supervision, he was placed into general housing,  
 20 forcing the prisoners to care for him. Over the next 15 hours, this young man was in a continual state  
 21 of diarrhea. When Larry Gerrans reported this to Deputy Ignont and requested that this young man  
 22 be placed in the OPHU, Deputy Ignont (sp?) said, "He's your problem." "You guys take care of  
 23 him".

24 209. By six a.m., the next morning, the stink in the cell from this young man's diarrhea was like a  
 25 green, disgusting fog coating the entire room. The diarrhea had smeared all over the bed and all over  
 26 his clothes. The prisoners again rang the buzzer yelling "Sick man coming out". Eddie took a sheet  
 27 and wrapped it like a diaper around this young man and tried walking him out of the cell. Deputy Joe  
 28 brings Eddie back into the room and announces that "This is your fucking problem. I don't care how  
 many times he shit himself." Then Deputy Joe orders the kid to stand up and move. The kid doesn't  
 move. Deputy Joe walked over, and grabbed this kid by the hair and pulled him up by the hair onto a  
 sitting position and yells into his face, "don't make me do this." At this time, Lawrence Gerrans,  
 afraid that this kid would not be able to tolerate any physical violence, and intervened. "Whoa, whoa,

1 it doesn't need to be like this." Then Deputy Joe released the kid, whose head drops like a ball back  
 2 onto the floor. Lawrence Gerrans said, "I'll take care of him", and requested a hazmat bag, and clean  
 3 clothing, clean sheets and towel. Lawrence Gerrans said to Deputy Joe, "You seem like a nice guy,  
 4 but doing this to this kid is indefensible." Deputy Joe responded, "Don't come to jail" and walked  
 5 off.

6 210. Here clearly was an individual who very sick, who was not moving well, and unresponsive, and  
 7 Deputy Joe, instead of taking this young prisoner to the OPHU or summoning medical help, states the  
 8 common refrain "Don't come to jail". Clearly this is a reiteration of the standard policy at Santa Rita  
 9 Jail, and of defendant Sheriff, that one primary motivating policy at Santa Rita Jail – regardless  
 10 whether an individual is pretrial detainee – that all prisoners shall be subjected to deprivation and  
 11 punishment. In this instance, not only was this kid being punished, but the entire cell was punished,  
 12 being forced to endure the malodor of vomit and diarrhea, and having to take care of this very sick  
 13 person.

14 211. The prisoners then took the kid back into the cell, showered him, and while he was showering  
 15 had another episode of diarrhea.

16 212. Only after the 4th or 5th incident of diarrhea, and over 15 hours of all the men in the cell  
 17 enduring this unsanitary, exposure to human feces, were the prisoners finally able to get defendant  
 18 SHERIFF to remove this kid from the cell and place him under appropriate medical supervision.

19 213. That afternoon, another prisoner in HU 31, fell off the top bunk, landing on his head. Soon  
 20 thereafter, this prisoner went into seizure, flapping like a fish. Men in the cell heard the crack, as his  
 21 head hit the ground. They immediately hit the emergency button and requested medical response.  
 22 The medical response was also slow in coming. The deputies were slow in responding.

23 214. The men in this cell concluded that this prisoner must have died, because if the kid was alive,  
 24 they would have been hustling to get him to the hospital.

25 215. After being held for two hours extra in the kitchen, these men were moved into the small yard.  
 26 By the time they got back to the cell, the kid was gone.

27 216. That evening, after prisoners returned to their cells, the mood was "Enough is enough", and  
 28 there was a call for a vote. The majority and all the races and majority voted for a strike that would  
 be a hunger strike, a work strike and a strike against participating in jail activities such as going to  
 class or court.

#### Retaliation For Speaking Out And Criticizing Jail Conditions

217. The other prisoners appointed Larry Gerrans to be their spokesperson, to speak for everyone as a group. After Larry had written up the strike demands and handed them to the jail, and after Larry had written up the strike statement, Defendant Hesselein, in order to silence the group and prevent them from speaking out, had Larry Gerrans, a federal inmate, removed from Santa Rita Jail, and transferred to Marin County jail. The objective was to silence all protests. Defendant Hesselein also had Larry designated him as a prisoner who should be held in solitary confinement, so that when he was in Marin County Jail, he was not allowed to have any contact or communication with any other prisoner, and was unable to speak about what had happened in Santa Rita Jail. In Marin County Jail, LAWRENCE GERRANS was placed into solitary confinement.

218. By removing Larry Gerrans, defendant Hesselein clearly communicated to the prisoners that speaking out and criticizing jail conditions is not permitted, and would be subject to retaliation and punishment.

Prior Knowledge Of Jail Conditions: Conscious Disregard Of Harm To Prisoners

219. None of these complaints are new, or a surprise. Many of these exact same issues, as listed in the Strike Demands have been made by women prisoners in the Mohrbacher case, filed in January, 2018, now pending in this court. 3:18-cv-00050-JD. The fact that prisoners on the East Side of the jail, and prisoners on the West Side of the Jail, independently derived essentially the same complaints, describing the same problems, indicates these are jail-wide, system wide practices.

220. Many of the problems are ongoing, chronic, and the subject of numerous grievances over an expanded period of time. Defendants were well aware of the issues and have chosen to not address or fix the problem.

221. Prisoners at Santa Rita Jail, both individually, or through the group grievances have repeatedly informed Defendants of the chronic and ongoing problems and unconstitutional, inhumane and unsanitary conditions of confinement at Santa Rita Jail.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
DEPRIVATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS  
UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT  
IT, UNSPOILT, FOOD NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN

222. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

223. This first cause of action is asserted against Defendant Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County, DEFENDANT ARAMARK, and Roes 1-25, Does 25 through 50.

224. Prisoners in county jail have a constitutional right to sufficient, unspoiled, edible food, necessary to sustain life. By their policies and practices described above, Defendants subject Plaintiffs and the Prisoner Class they represent, to a substantial risk of harm due to the denial and deprivation of necessary and healthy food and sustenance, and to the serious consequences of inadequate, insufficient, contaminated and spoilt foods. These policies and practices have been, and continue to be, implemented by said Defendants and their agents, officials, employees and all persons acting in concert with them under color of state law, in their official capacities, and are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' ongoing deprivation of rights secured by the United States Constitution under the Fourteenth Amendment. By their policies and practices described above, said defendants imposed substantial hardship on pretrial plaintiffs and pretrial members of the plaintiff class, in relation to the ordinary incidents of incarcerated life, which is not justified by any penological interest, so as to create a liberty interest protected by due process.

225. The policies, practices and customs described above are the official policies, practices and customs of Defendants COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, SHERIFF and ARAMARK and are the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiffs being subjected to known risks of serious harms in violation of the FOURTEENTH Amendment. The policies, practices and customs described above include Defendant Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County, and DEFENDANT ARAMARK's failure to train its staff in the face of an obvious need for training to prevent the violations described above.

226. Defendants have been and are aware of all of the deprivations complained of herein, and have condoned or been deliberately indifferent to such conduct

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the Prisoner Class they represent request relief as outlined below.

**SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**DEPRIVATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS**  
**UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983**  
**EIGHTH AMENDMENT**

1 SUFFICIENT, NON-CONTAMINATED, FOOD NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN HEALTH  
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227. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs with  
 2 the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

228. This second claim is asserted against Defendants Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda  
 4 County, and Defendant ARAMARK, and, and Does 25 through 50 and Roes 1-25.

229. At all relevant times herein, the named defendants herein were responsible for providing for the  
 6 food needs of plaintiffs and class members. Said defendants subjected Plaintiff and the members of  
 7 the Plaintiff class they represent, to inadequate, and insufficient food in that the food provided was  
 8 insufficient in quantity, frequently contaminated and spoilt, prepared in unsanitary conditions, served  
 9 on unclean trays, overcooked, often inedible, and of such poor quality as unable to sustain health.

10 These policies and practices have been, and continue to be, implemented by said Defendants and their  
 11 agents, officials, employees and all persons acting in concert with them under color of state law, in  
 12 their official capacities, and are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' ongoing  
 13 deprivation of rights secured by the United States Constitution under the Eighth Amendments.

14 230. By their policies and practices and the inconsistent implementation and oversight of same,  
 15 Defendants subject Plaintiffs and the Prisoner Class they represent, to a substantial risk of serious  
 16 harm from the provision of inedible, tainted and spoilt food and expose Plaintiffs and the Class and  
 17 Subclass to significant risk of harm from exposure to inedible, contaminated, insufficient and  
 18 unhealthy food. These policies and practices have been, and continue to be, implemented by  
 19 Defendants ALAMEDA COUNTY, SHERIFF, and ARAMARK and their agents, officials,  
 20 employees and all persons acting in concert with them under color of state law, in their official  
 21 capacities, and are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and Class Members ongoing deprivation of  
 22 rights secured by the United States Constitution under the Eighth Amendment.

231. The policies, practices and customs described above are the official policies, practices and  
 24 customs of Defendants ALAMEDA COUNTY, SHERIFF, and ARAMARK and are the direct and  
 25 proximate cause of Plaintiffs being subjected to known risks of serious harms in violation of the  
 26 Eighth Amendment. The policies, practices and customs described above include Defendant  
 27 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA and ARAMARK's failure to train its staff in the face of an obvious need  
 28 for training to prevent the violations described above. Defendants have been and are aware of all of  
 the deprivations complained of herein, and have condoned or been deliberately indifferent to such  
 conduct.

1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the Class they represent request relief as outlined below.  
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**THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
DEPRIVATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS  
UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

232. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein. Per the Court Order Dkt. 49, Plaintiffs specifically refer to: 3-6, 47-49, 129-175, 178-182, 191-203.

233. This first third Cause of Action is asserted against Defendants Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County, DEFENDANT Well-Path, and Does and Roes 1-25.

234. Defendant Deputy Ignot (sp) and Deputy Joe are sued in their individual capacity. The paragraphs Plaintiffs refer to regarding Deputy Ignont and Joe are paragraphs 214-226.

235. Defendant Ignot and Joe, acting or purporting to act in the performance of their official duties as a sheriff's deputy, wrongfully and unreasonably refused to summon medical aid, and instead forced plaintiff Gerran and members of the class to have to provide medical care for which they had no training and no experience in providing.

236. At all relevant times herein, the named defendants herein were responsible for providing for the medical care of plaintiffs and class members. Said defendants subjected Plaintiff and the members of the Plaintiff class they represent, to a substantial risk of serious harm and injury from the harmful and inhumane effects of denial and delay of necessary and needed medical care and the inadequate medical care, when provided. These policies and practices have been, and continue to be, implemented by said Defendants and their agents, officials, employees and all persons acting in concert with them under color of state law, in their official capacities, and are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' ongoing deprivation of rights secured by the United States Constitution under the Fourteenth Amendments.

237. By their policies and practices described above, said defendants imposed substantial hardship on pretrial plaintiffs and pretrial members of the plaintiff class, in relation to the ordinary incidents of incarcerated life, which is not justified by any penological interest, so as to create a liberty interest protected by due process. By their policies and practices described above, Defendants subject Plaintiffs and the Class Members they represent, to a substantial risk of harm due to the denial and delay in necessary and appropriate medical care, and the inadequate care due to the serious health

consequences of exposure to covid-19. These policies and practices have been, and continue to be, implemented by Defendants and their agents or employees in their official capacities, and are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and the Prisoner Class's ongoing deprivation of rights secured by the United States Constitution under the Fourteenth Amendment.

238. The policies, practices and customs described above are the official policies, practices and customs of Defendants COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, SHERIFF AND WELL-PATH and are the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiffs being subjected to known risks of serious harms in violation of the FOURTEENTH Amendment. The policies, practices and customs described above include Defendant COUNTY OF ALAMEDA's failure to train its staff in the face of an obvious need for training to prevent the violations described above. Defendants have been and are aware of all of the deprivations complained of herein, and have condoned or been deliberately indifferent to such conduct.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the Class they represent request relief as outlined below.

**FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**DEPRIVATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS**  
**UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983**  
**EIGHTH AMENDMENT**  
**MEDICAL SERVICES**

239. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

240. This fourth claim is asserted against Defendants Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County, and DEFENDANT Well-Path, Does and Roes 1-25. Defendant Deputy Ignot (sp) and Deputy Joe are sued in their individual capacity. The paragraphs Plaintiffs refer to regarding Deputy Ignot and Joe are paragraphs 183-199

241. Defendant Ignot and Joe, acting or purporting to act in the performance of their official duties as a sheriff's deputy, wrongfully and unreasonably refused to summon medical aid, and instead forced plaintiff Gerran and members of the class to have to provide medical care for which they had no training and no experience in providing.

242. At all relevant times herein, the named defendants herein were responsible for providing for the medical care of plaintiffs and class members. Said defendants subjected Plaintiffs and the members of the Plaintiff class they represent, to a substantial risk of serious harm and injury from the harmful

1 and inhumane effects of denial and delay of necessary and needed medical care and the inadequate  
2 medical care, when provided. These policies and practices have been, and continue to be,  
3 implemented by said Defendants and their agents, officials, employees and all persons acting in  
4 concert with them under color of law, in their official capacities, and are the proximate cause of  
5 Plaintiffs' and Class Members' ongoing deprivation of rights secured by the United States  
6 Constitution under the Eighth Amendments.

7 243. By their policies and practices and the inconsistent implementation and oversight of same,  
8 Defendants subject Plaintiffs and the Prisoner Class they represent, to a substantial risk of serious  
9 harm from the provision of inadequate health care. These policies and practices have been, and  
10 continue to be, implemented by said Defendants and their agents, officials, employees and all persons  
11 acting in concert with them under, color of state law, in their official capacities, and are the proximate  
12 cause of Plaintiffs' and Class Members ongoing deprivation of rights secured by the United States  
13 Constitution under the Eighth Amendment.

14 244. The policies, practices and customs described above are the official policies,

15 245. practices and customs of Defendants COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, SHERIFF AND WELL-  
16 PATH and are the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiffs being subjected to known risks of serious  
17 harms in violation of the Eighth Amendment. The policies, practices and customs described above  
18 include Defendant COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, SHERIFF AND WELL-PATH's failure to train its  
19 staff in the face of an obvious need for training to prevent the violations described above.

20 246. Defendants have been and are aware of all of the deprivations complained of herein, and have  
21 condoned or been deliberately indifferent to such conduct.

22 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the Class they represent request relief as outlined below.  
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FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
DEPRIVATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS  
UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT  
ADEQUATE SANITATION

247. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

248. This fifth cause of action is asserted against Defendant Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County, Deputies Ignont and Joe and Does 25 through 50. Defendant Deputy Ignot (sp) and Deputy Joe are sued in their individual capacity.

249. Defendant Ignot and Joe, acting or purporting to act in the performance of their official duties as a sheriff's deputy, wrongfully and unreasonably refused to summon medical aid, and instead forced plaintiff Gerran and members of the class to endure hours of sharing a cell with a prisoner detoxing, which included multiple bouts of vomiting, diarrhea, and other discharges of human bio-hazardous waste. This caused all the members of the cell to be exposed to and have to endure living with human bio-hazards including vomit and diarrhea.

250. At all relevant times herein, the named defendants herein were responsible for providing for the sanitation and hygiene needs of plaintiffs and class members. Said defendants subjected Plaintiff and the members of the Plaintiff class they represent, to a substantial risk of serious harm and injury from the harmful and inhumane effects of inadequate, and insufficient sanitation, and the means to maintain the necessary personal sanitation in their cells and housing units, to prevent infections and communication of diseases, transmission and contamination from micro-organisms, including covid-19 as described herein. These policies and practices have been, and continue to be, implemented by said Defendants and their agents, officials, employees and all persons acting in concert with them under color of state law, in their official capacities, and are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' ongoing deprivation of rights secured by the United States Constitution under the Fourteenth Amendment.

251. By their policies and practices described above, said defendants imposed substantial hardship on pretrial plaintiffs and pretrial members of the plaintiff class, in relation to the ordinary incidents of incarcerated life, which is not justified by any penological interest, so as to create a liberty interest protected by due process. By their policies and practices described above, Defendants subject

Plaintiffs and the Class Members they represent, to a substantial risk of harm due to the inadequate, and insufficient sanitation, and the lack of means to maintain the necessary personal sanitation, and the sanitation of their cells and housing units, to prevent infections and communication of diseases, transmission and contamination from micro-organisms, including covid-19 as described herein. These policies and practices have been, and continue to be, implemented by Defendants and their agents or employees in their official capacities, and are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and the Class Members ongoing deprivation of rights secured by the United States Constitution under the Fourteenth Amendment.

252. The policies, practices and customs described above are the official policies, practices and customs of Defendants COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, and SHERIFF and are the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiffs being subjected to known risks of serious harms in violation of the FOURTEENTH Amendment. The policies, practices and customs described above include Defendant Alameda County Sheriff's Office's failure to train its staff in the face of an obvious need for training to prevent the violations described above. Defendants have been and are aware of all of the deprivations complained of herein, and have condoned or been deliberately indifferent to such conduct.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the Class they represent request relief as outlined below.

## SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## DEPRIVATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS

UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

## EIGHTH AMENDMENT

## ADEQUATE SANITATION

253. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

254. This sixth claim is asserted against Defendants Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County, Deputies Ignont and Joe and Does 25 through 50. Defendant Deputy Ignot (sp) and Deputy Joe are sued in their individual capacity.

255. Defendant Ignot and Joe, acting or purporting to act in the performance of their official duties as a sheriff's deputy, wrongfully and unreasonably refused to summon medical aid, and instead forced plaintiff Gerran and members of the class to endure hours of sharing a cell with a

1 prisoner detoxing, which included multiple bouts of vomiting, diarrhea, and other discharges of  
 2 human bio-hazardous waste. This caused all the members of the cell to be exposed to and have to  
 3 endure living with human bio-hazards including vomit and diarrhea.

4 256. At all relevant times herein, the named defendants herein were responsible for providing for the  
 5 sanitation and hygiene needs of plaintiffs and class members. Said defendants subjected Plaintiff and  
 6 the members of the Plaintiff class they represent, to inadequate, and insufficient sanitation,  
 7 inadequate and insufficient laundry and the inadequate and insufficient means to maintain the  
 8 necessary personal sanitation in their cells and housing units, to prevent infections and  
 9 communication of diseases, including covid-19 as described herein. These policies and practices  
 10 have been, and continue to be, implemented by said Defendants and their agents, officials, employees  
 11 and all persons acting in concert with them under color of state law, in their official capacities, and  
 12 are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' ongoing deprivation of rights secured by  
 13 the United States Constitution under the Eighth Amendments.

14 257. By their policies and practices and the inconsistent implementation and oversight of same,  
 15 Defendants subject Plaintiffs and the Prisoner Class they represent, to a substantial risk of serious  
 16 harm from being forced to live in unclean, unsanitary cells, bathrooms, showers and housing units,  
 17 and to be exposed to biohazards, communicable diseases, microbes, germs and other harmful  
 18 organisms, and insufficient clean laundry to maintain personal hygiene. These policies and practices  
 19 have been, and continue to be, implemented by Defendants ALAMEDA COUNTY, SHERIFF, and  
 20 AHERN and their agents, officials, employees and all persons acting in concert with them under  
 21 color of state law, in their official capacities, and are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and Class  
 22 Members ongoing deprivation of rights secured by the United States Constitution under the Eighth  
 23 Amendment.

24 258. The policies, practices and customs described above are the official policies,  
 25 practices and customs of Defendants ALAMEDA COUNTY and SHERIFF are the direct and  
 26 proximate cause of Plaintiffs being subjected to known risks of serious harms in violation of the  
 27 Eighth Amendment. The policies, practices and customs described above include Defendant  
 28 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA and Defendant SHERIFF's failure to train its staff in the face of an  
 obvious need for training to prevent the violations described above. Defendants have been and are

aware of all of the deprivations complained of herein, and have condoned or been deliberately indifferent to such conduct.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the Class they represent request relief as outlined below.

**SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
DEPRIVATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS  
UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
FIRST AMENDMENT**

259. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

260. By their policies and practices described herein, Defendants Alameda County Sheriff's Office, , Alameda County, and Does 25-50 violated Plaintiffs and members of plaintiff class rights to free speech, under the first Amendment by retaliating and punishing Larry Gerrans, and all plaintiffs and members of Housing Unit 31 for voicing concerns and complaints regarding conditions of confinement at Santa Rita Jail; as herein described; this retaliation often occurred as group punishment, punishing entire PODs or housing units for the statements of a few, in order to inflict greater pressure and punishment for speaking out;

261. At all relevant times herein, defendant SHERIFF has the ultimate responsibility for operating the Santa Rita Jail.

262. These policies and practices have been, and continue to be, implemented by Defendants and their agents, officials, employees and all persons acting in concert with them under color of state law, in their official capacities, and are the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' and the Class Members' ongoing deprivation of rights secured by the United States Constitution under the First Amendment.

263. The policies, practices and customs described above are the official policies, practices and customs of Defendant SHERIFF and COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, and are the direct and proximate cause of the violations of Plaintiffs being subjected to known harms in violation of the First Amendment. The policies, practices and customs described above include Defendants failure to train its staff in the face of an obvious need for training to prevent the violations described above.

264. Defendants have been and are aware of all of the deprivations complained of herein, and have condoned or been deliberately indifferent to such conduct or failed to maintain policies, customs, or practices when it was obviously that they were needed to prevent the violation

of Plaintiff Larry Gerrans', and inmates in HU 31 at the time of the Strike's First Amendment Rights granted pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, to voice complaints and file grievances regarding conditions of confinement at Santa Rita Jail.

265. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions and inactions, Plaintiff Larry Gerrans', and inmates in HU 31 at the time of the Strike's suffered injuries entitling them to receive compensatory damages against defendants SHERIFF, and County of Alameda.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray for relief on behalf of themselves and class members as hereunder appears.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiffs and the class and subclasses they represent have no adequate remedy at law to redress the wrongs suffered as set forth in this Complaint. Plaintiffs have suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury as a result of the unlawful acts, omissions, policies, and practices of the Defendants as alleged herein, unless Plaintiffs are granted the relief they request. Plaintiffs and Defendants have an actual controversy and opposing legal positions as to Defendants' violations of the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of California. The need for relief is critical because the rights at issue are paramount under the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of California.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves, the proposed class and all others similarly situated, pray for judgment and the following specific relief against Defendants as follows:

1. An order certifying that this action may be maintained as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and 23(b)(2);
2. A finding that the conditions, acts, omissions, policies, and practices described above are in violation of the rights of Plaintiffs and the class and subclass they represent under the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, Article I, Sections 7 and 17 of the California

WHEREFORE Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court to:

1. Certify the Class of prisoners at Santa Rita under Rule 23, F.R. Civ P., and also the following Subclasses:
  1. Prisoners who are pretrial;
  2. Prisoners who had or have contracted covid-19.

- 1       2. Make findings of fact reflecting the general and specific failings and inadequacies of  
2 defendants' approaches to and practice in the care of all prisoners, the pattern and practice of  
3 defendants' non-feasance and maltreatment of prisoners, and defendants' violations of statutory,  
4 regulatory and constitutional requirements in dealing with prisoners.
- 5       3. Making findings of fact that defendants SHERFF and ALAMEDA's actions prioritizing profit  
6 over providing sufficient, healthy, wholesome food to sustain health, sufficient cleaning supplies and  
7 tools to maintain sanitation, and necessary and timely medical care constitutes punishment of pretrial  
8 detainees;
- 9       4. Make findings of fact that defendants SHERFF and ALAMEDA's actions creating enforced  
10 idleness motivated and prompted by their for profit activities constitutes punishment of pretrial  
11 detainees;
- 12       5. Make findings of fact that the group retaliation of the inmates in HU 31and individual  
13 retaliation against Larry Gerrans constitutes a violation of the Constitutional Right to Free Speech.  
14       A. Prohibit defendants from:
  - 1       1. punishing or threatening to punish prisoners for exercising their right to free speech,  
2 particularly regarding problems in Santa Rita Jail;
  - 3       2. serving spoilt, over cooked or otherwise inedible food;
  - 4       3. serving food on food trays that are not sanitary and clean, and free from old food debris;  
15       And,
- 16       B. Affirmatively Order and direct defendants to:
  - 1       4. Provide medical treatment which addresses the medical need, consistent with the standard of  
2 good medical practice in the Bay Area
  - 3       5. Fully comply with all applicable state statutes and regulations, and develop a legitimate  
4 individual treatment plan for each detoxing prisoner, and carry it out completely!
  - 5       6. Fully comply with all applicable state statutes and regulations for a sufficient, healthy,  
6 balanced, nutritious diet which will sustain health;
  - 7       7. Develop, implement and maintain a systematic program for cell and personal sanitation  
8 throughout the jail, including the OPHU;
  - 9       8. Full compliance with California Retail Food Act including the installation of permanent walls  
10 and doors which will keep rodents, birds and vermin from entering the kitchen;

9. Enter a preliminary and permanent injunction on behalf of the broad Class of prisoners which will counter and remedy the County defendants' broader unconstitutional practice(s) as complained of and to be shown further;
10. Award damages according to proof for individual plaintiffs;
11. Award costs and fees for this action, including attorneys' fees;
12. Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate.

DATED: March 29, 2020

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## JURY TRIAL DEMAND

A JURY TRIAL IS DEMANDED on behalf of Plaintiffs.

DATED: March 29, 2021

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## EXHIBIT A

## REQUESTS

\* A copy of this document  
Administration after the  
Hunger Strike on October 18, 2019  
Lawrence Gerrens provided 1 hour  
video testimony as well.

- 1.) Food - Improve Palatability. More Diversity. See List.  
(See List of food requests)
- 2.) Costs of Commissary Too High - Meet federal rates
  - Aramark Needs to lower costs or find new supplier.
- 3.) Cost of Telephone Too HIGH - Availability +  
Access is too low. We want our own personal  
electronics with access to email, texting + phone  
as well as Internet for Netflix, etc.
  - Cost of communication + access is punitive + usury.
- 4.) Clothing - 2 Sets of Blues  
4 Sets of Shirts, Underwear, Socks  
2 Pair Workout Shorts  
\* Exchange Availability twice a week.
- 5.) Law Library - We Need Access (Federal Law)
  - Internet Access could be solution.  
\* This is federal requirement for fed inmates
- 6.) Cell Cleaning - Twice a week.
  - Clean mops + clean mop water
  - Clean Brushes + Clean Towels
  - More Disinfects
  - Better Floor + Shower Cleaning Agents
  - Insecticides to kill blood sucking insects
  - Honor requests for additional supplies day today
- 7.) Mail - more reliable + on-time delivery  
(especially newspapers)
  - Faster sending of mail out

8.) Bedding - Exchange Blankets monthly

- Improve Mattresses - too thin, too old, too dirty
- Provide Pillows for goodness sake!

9.) Personal Disinfectants - Triple Antibiotics, Band-aids

- \* Add to commissary
- \* make more easily available from Nurse
- Athlete's foot spray
- Hydrogen Peroxide / Disinfectants
- Personal Sanitation Supplies
- Barbicide for clippers

10.) Family + Attorney visits

- NOT subject to lockdown within 6 hours of visit.
- Notification system for video visits
- Allow video visits to commence in lockdown
  - Towers should be able to easily monitor.

11.) Upgrade T.V.'s + Speakers - Hard to See

- Hard to Hear

12.) Stop turning phones off - costing attorney fees?

13.) Mandatory Pod Times - morning / afternoon / evening  
9 to 11      2 to 4      7 to 10

14.) Mandatory Yard Access - 4 times a week  
irregular

15.) Adhere to Title 15 minimum standards

16.) Stop recording Personal + Legal phone calls for Pre-trial detainees. Civil rights violation.  
• Can't mount defense. Perform investigations.

17.) Mandatory meal Times

- Breakfast 5:30 AM TO 7:30 AM
- Lunch 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
- Dinner 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

18.) Policy for Inmate Intake Sanitation

- INMATES MUST SHOWER and THEY MUST CLEAN THEIR FINGERNAILS + TOE NAILS before receiving ISSUANCE OF CLOTHING and ASSIGNMENT TO HOUSING. WE MUST CONTROL BED BUGS, STAPH, INFECTIOUS DISEASES due to CREEK DWELLERS + HOMELESS INDIGENTS being CO-MINGLED WITH GENERAL POPULATION

19.) Clean THE HOLDING TANKS WITH HOT MOPS, Bleaching and disinfecting agents AT LEAST once a day! THEY ARE DIRTY + HEALTH HAZARD

20.) Clean THE multi-PURPOSE rooms daily WITH HOT MOPS + DISINFECTANTS.

21.) COORDINATING CLOTHING + BEDDING EXCHANGE IMMEDIATELY after POD CLEANINGS.

22.) GET BODY SCANNERS + STOP THE STRIP SEARCHES

- THEY ARE NOT YIELDING SEIZURES
- THEY ARE UNCOMFORTABLE + DEMORALIZING

23. Stop Shackling minimum security prisoners during Federal transport. unnecessary + demoralizing.
24. Provide Signage + Intake paper relating mutual terms + conditions of respect, conduct + privileges between detainees + deputies
25. Assign Key Holders by ethnicity / affiliation to maintain order + rules. Self police to reduce manpower burden on Deputies in minimum security environments.
26. Santa Rita Needs to evolve its systems + methods away from This Punitive JUSTICE System and demoralizing, inhumane Treatment of citizens and drug addicts to a modernized system + method of Restorative JUSTICE! Right now we have Garbage IN + even worse Garbage going OUT! This does not make our communities any safer! To the contrary, it makes them less safe! we Need to Build people up, make them productive and restore their Health and Vitality!

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## EXHIBIT B

Cell sanitation is at a crisis point. Detainees are only provided cleaning supplies once a week. The supplies provided are insufficient as is the time allotted to effectively clean their cells, sinks, showers, toilets and floors. Blood sucking gnats swarm the showers and cells. Detainees are contracting lice, bed bugs, and flesh eating STAPH infections from the MRSA virus.

The protocols for sanitation are illogical. Detainees are only given one set of clothes for the week, to include one shower towel. This policy is in stark contrast to most other jails that provide four (4) sets or more of clothes per week.

New clothes are exchanged every Friday. Cell cleaning is scheduled every Saturday, forcing citizen detainees to clean their cells, floors, bathrooms and showers in clean clothes and then sit in their now dirty clothes for the remaining six (6) days of the week. This is indignant and punitive treatment.

Homeless detainees are exchanged out of their filthy clothes and into clean jail issued clothes without being showered or sanitized. They are often sent to filthy holding cells to sit and lay down in vomit, urine, feces, semen, food and dirt stained

Floors until they are transported to their new housing unit. They are then introduced to a dormitory cell shared by as many as 30 other detainees, comprised of regular citizens serving terms for drunk driving, drug possession, domestic violence or awaiting their court dates, etc. Upon arrival to the dorm unit, known as a 'pod', they are mandated to shower in the singular shower stall shared by all dorm mates. This spreads lice, bed bugs, and infectious diseases like MRSA; creating an obvious health hazard and public safety problem.

In the worst case detainees are exposed to heroin addicts introduced to the dorm without any medication. The heroin addicts involuntarily defecate on themselves, the floors, toilets and shower creating an enormous bio hazard. Rather than caring for the heroin addict in the infirmary, the detainees are made to tend to the addict, clean up the addict and his messes, and suffer the indignity, smell and infectious disease risks associated with these intravenous drug users. The risk of exposure to hepatitis, C-difficil, Pseudomonas, E-coli and other infectious diseases introduced to their shower and living environment is an illogical risk to the detainees and public health, in general.

The jail is suffering continuous lockdowns due to insufficient resources, manpower, and apparent funding. Consequently, citizen detainees are being 'locked down' in their cells in excess of 22 hours a day. Family and Attorney visits are being canceled due to lack of manpower, to walk detainees to their visits. In many cases, families and attorneys who are traveling in excess of two (2) hours and/or flying in are being denied their visits upon arriving to the jail. They are given no notice and are having to return home. This is creating frustrations and costs that are unnecessary.

Detainees are being gouged by commissary prices, for personal food and supplies, that exceed 800% mark up over retail store prices. For example, a single pack of Top Ramen Noodle soup costs thirteen cents (\$.13) at Safeway. Its commissary price is one dollar and thirteen cents (\$1.13).

Detainees are being gouged by excessive calling costs. The cost to place a call is twenty three cents (\$.23) per minute with a 15 minute limit, and phones are limited. This is costly and punitive to detainees, their families, and lawyers. All calls are also recorded and monitored, precluding detainees from mounting their defense with counsel or speaking candidly or intimately to their

Loved ones.

For federal detainees the jail is required to have a Law Library. It does NOT! This precludes federal detainees from being able to mount their defense, creating a liability for the government, in that it gives those convicted an immediate appeal.

Detainees are being deprived of access to personal electronics commonly available at other jails. They are suffering the ability to remain connected and engaged to their families, jobs and the world, in general. For an otherwise innocent detainee this exacerbates their personal and professional hardship. costing many their relationships, jobs and income and precludes them from accessing the legal resources and intelligence to defend themselves. Detainees are requesting reinstatement of their ability to call, text, email and use the internet to carry on their lives.

For more information on the Hunger Strike and/or if you suffered under the conditions at Santa Rita and wish to bear witness please call the law offices of \_\_\_\_\_.